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## CHRISTMAS TREAT FOR TRAM PASSENGERS

*Crowds pile on vehicles  
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### "GO-SLOW" CONTINUES

The people of Hong Kong were treated to free rides on trams throughout yesterday, as the conductors, acting on instructions from their union, accepted no fares from passengers.

#### Warning to security forces in Malaya

Singapore, December 24. The authorities have warned the security forces throughout Malaya to look out for terrorist outrages. They said they feared the guerrillas would take advantage of any let-up in the security measures.

Most of the men in the nine British battalions taking part in the campaign against the terrorists, are being withdrawn from the jungle to their camps for Christmas dinner, but Malay and Indian police and troops, and six battalions of Gurkhas, who have already celebrated their national festivals, will keep up the offensive. —Reuter.

#### SCAP's message to Australian veterans

Melbourne, December 24. General Douglas MacArthur said yesterday the bonds of comradeship forged in South Pacific jungles between American soldiers and Australians could not be weakened.

In a special Christmas message to veterans Down Under, he said: "Neither time nor events can shake the bonds of comradeship forged in the crucible of war between the fighting men of America and Australia."

"Both shared common perils and common hardships and together mounted the violence which led to the common victory."

General MacArthur's message from Tokyo appeared in the "Thirtyliner," a national magazine for veterans of the Thirtyliners Association.

The Aussie, he added, had "won in the rugged trial of battle the confidence and respect of all Americans who fought by their sides."

"Thirtyliner" saluted American heroes in a memorial article on Ernie Pyle, the late war correspondent, whose simple, inspired words spoke so eloquently for all the G. I. boys we Australians knew and admired. —Associated Press.

#### ELECTIONS WITHIN NEXT FEW WEEKS?

London, Dec. 23. The London "Evening News" today gave prominence to a remark by Mr. W. T. Potter, a member of the Labour Party Executive, that the general election would be held in a few weeks.

As President of the National Union of Railwaymen, Mr. Potter refers in the union's journal to the part played by the NUR in returning the Labour Government to power in 1945.

"I feel positive," Mr. Potter said, "that we shall do so again within the next few weeks, a general election will be upon us." —Reuter.

#### THE WEATHER

At 0600 GMT (2 p.m. HKT) a deep depression is moving from the S. of Japan towards the S. China coast. Pressure is rising rapidly behind this trough. Today's Forecast: Moderate S. or N.E. winds, fresh at times. Cloudy, cooler.

It was the first day of the "go slow" strike of the tramway men, following the refusal of the Tramway Company to accede to their ultimatum which expired at 5 a.m. yesterday.

The men turned up for duty as usual, and operated the trams generally on schedule, though they ran slower than usual, which was perhaps a good thing, as every car was jammed to capacity on both the lower and upper decks.

"Come and have a free ride on the Company, it's a Christmas treat," the conductors and gate attendants hailed people at the stopping places.

During the forenoon no attempt was made by the gate attendants or the motormen to prevent people boarding, and there was some confusion due to overcrowding. The police had to intervene in a number of cases.

Later in the day, tramway men off duty helped at tram stops to control the crowd, resulting in much better order, though the overcrowding was still very bad, and the motormen were forced to slow down speed.

Endeavours to contact the management to ascertain what action, if any, they would take as a result of the men's action, were unavailing. They were understood, however, to be studying the situation first before deciding on action.

#### Not withdrawing trams

From reliable sources it was learned that the management will not withdraw the trams from service and that no positive action will be taken until after the Christmas holidays.

The tramway men, contacted by the "Sunday Herald," said the reason why they have not gone on strike was not to inconvenience the public.

"We are giving them the same service as they have been receiving, and we shall do nothing to take that away from them, unless the Company order us to stop," they said.

The tram workers met again last night to discuss the day's development, and it was decided to continue their "go-slow" tactics until the management agrees to their demand.

#### Public Indifferent

Public reaction to the dispute has been one of indifference. The majority of the Chinese population looked upon the "free ride" tactics of the workers as a huge joke.

Among responsible independent labour circles, however, the situation and its possible repercussions are viewed with serious concern. They feel that there must be a solution one way or the other, that has to come quickly. The holidays, they hope, will be a respite for some cool thinking on both sides.

These quarters, representing the majority of labour in Hong Kong, place the blame on the inadequacy of the Government's fixed Rehabilitation Allowance, which they say has been wrongly conceived and based on entirely wrong data. They feel the only solution of the present dispute is a revision of this scale, that has to come quickly. The holidays, they hope, will be a respite for some cool thinking on both sides.

## CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND



They weren't sure if Christmas had anything in store for them, but these shoe-shine boys on their way home last night gazed eagerly at the enchanted land of brightly-coloured gifts displayed in a central shop window. ("China Mail" photo).

## HK celebrates Christmas

Midnight Mass on the waters of Hong Kong—an unusual event in the Colony's Christmas celebrations—was held last night by the Catholic Port Chaplain, Father M. C. Pelly, S.J., for Catholic seamen unable to attend service on shore.

The belfries of the Colony churches and convents jubilantly pealed again at midnight as the vigil of Christmas ended, heralding in the anniversary of the Divine Nativity.

The bright lights in Christian homes remained shining all night. It is Christmas and the carols recall again the age-old message of good will among men.

Hong Kong has never had a more elaborate Christmas. Lights, colour and cheerfulness predominated, blending majestically with the solemn celebrations of the churches.

Catholic churches all over the Colony were filled to capacity long before the midnight hour. Rich decorations and flower-bedecked altars, brilliantly lit, honoured the Church's greatest feast of the year.

On the waters of Hong Kong, something unusual took place. Catholic seamen in port attended midnight service specially provided for them by the courtesy of the Royal Intercolonial Lines. A launch was put at the disposal of the Catholic Port Chaplain, the Reverend Father M. C. Pelly, S.J. The Naval authorities supplied a loud hailer equipment and with a choir of seamen, Father Pelly serenaded all ships in port with Christmas carols for a full three hours prior to midnight.

#### Special messages

Calls were made by Father Pelly's group to every ship in port and special messages from the Minister of Transport and the Secretary of State for the Colonies were read over the broadcast system.

During the carol singing, performed on the travelling R.M.L. launch, Catholic seamen on the ships visited were taken aboard the launch for Midnight Mass. After the service, refreshments were provided and Christmas wishes exchanged. The seamen were returned to their respective ships by the launch to the strain of Father Pelly's Christmas music.

During the afternoon, yesterday the shopping districts of the Colony were a scene of much bustle as people rushed to buy their last gift. The ferries were running on full schedule and all manner of transport ashore was kept busy.

Many homes had private parties, and the festive spirit was everywhere. On ships' decks the familiar sight was seen again. Even the comparatively quiet of the Kowloon Tong residential area was alight with the spirit of the festive season.

Extant of the damage, and cause of the fire were unknown. A fire at the Chatham Road Military Camp, Kowloon, shortly after 9 p.m. last night gutted two wooden huts and some tents. Three appliances from the Kowloon Terminus Fire Station put out the fire in half an hour.

## Women killed in rush for Christmas alms

Macao, December 24. Three Chinese women were crushed to death and 14 injured by a mob in front of the home of a millionaire. He died today when the latter distributed Christmas alms to the city's poor. —United Press.

## CALL FOR PEACE BY TRUMAN

Washington, December 23. President Harry Truman told Pope Pius XII in a Christmas message that despite the leaders of a few nations, most of the world's peoples today are living in peace and good neighbourliness.

In reply, Pope Pius lauded the work of the American people for peace and called for a peace which is real and solid, just and during among all mankind.

The exchange marked the second time in this Christmas season that Mr. Truman has expressed sorrow and concern over the division of the world's nations into hostile camps.

Without alluding to Russia and her satellites by name, Mr. Truman had told a gathering at Arlington National Cemetery on Wednesday that the United States must stand ready in self defence because "until the captive people of the world emerge from darkness, they cannot see the hand we hold out in friendship."

In his message to Pope Pius, Mr. Truman again directed an appeal to the people of unfriendly nations to join with the multitude in striving to build a world wholly and truly at peace.

"To bring a just, enduring peace among the nations is the great task that beckons still ahead and falls for re-dedication," Mr. Truman wrote. —Associated Press.

## No evidence of Japs using germ warfare

Washington, December 24. Mr. Joseph B. Keenan, chief prosecutor at the Japanese war crimes trials, said today that his investigators "found no evidence" that the Japanese used germ warfare during World War II.

He made the statement in commenting on a Moscow Radio broadcast that Russia had decided to charge 12 Japanese army men with plotting to use—and to some extent using—germ warfare in Manchuria in their preparations for World War II.

Mr. Keenan emphasised that he would not be familiar with any of the Russians might have found during their occupation of Manchuria. "There was some fragmentary evidence that might have caused some suspicion," Mr. Keenan said, "but whatever fragmentary evidence was available was not at all conclusive and did not justify charging them with the use of germ warfare."

He said the matter was given "specific attention" and that all nations including Russia agreed there was nothing to warrant such a charge.

#### Tokyo statement

In Tokyo, General MacArthur's headquarters and former Japanese Army sources said today that they knew nothing to support Soviet charges that the Japanese used bacteriological warfare.

A spokesman for General MacArthur's headquarters told the United Press that the chemical section of GHQ had made a "complete search" of their files and did not find anything to indicate that the Japanese used germ warfare.

Former Lieutenant-General Yoshio Kozuki, at present in Japanese custody, who was in North China between 1943 and 1945, said he knew of no Japanese germ war experiments in China. —United Press.

## CATHOLIC HOLY YEAR OPENED BY POPE PIUS

Rome, December 24. The 1950 Holy Year of the Roman Catholic Church opened today to the thunderous greeting of a million Catholics gathered at Rome's four basilicas.

Outside St. Peter's, St. Mary's, St. John Lateran and St. Paul's huge throngs of faithful chanted thanks.

The Holy Year doors of the four great churches opened simultaneously to inaugurate the Holy Year. It was the beginning of year-long celebration for the sanctification of Catholics.

Thirty-six foreign countries were represented officially at St. Peter's when Pope Pius gave three symbolic raps with a gold and ivory hammer on the Holy Door and bestowed its opening. Cardinals were named as delegates to open the doors of the other three churches.

As the Holy Doors swung open thousands of church bells of Rome began to ring in a vibrant pealing and squares around the basilicas began filling.

#### Ceremony begins

The ceremony opening the Holy Year began at 10 a.m. when the Pope entered the Sistine chapel to pray. He ascended to his chair and each member of the Papal cortege, holding a decorated candle, moved to the door opening on to the portico of St. Peter's.

The Pope approached the Holy Door, seated in 1924 by Pius XI. He took a special hammer and chanted in Latin. "Open to me the doors of Justice." Again the Pope struck saying "I will enter into Thy House, O Lord." The Pope raised the hammer for the third time and sang, "Open the doors for God is with us." The workmen inside the basilica tugged a rope and the door fell slowly inward. The Pope knelt on the threshold in silence for a moment, then rose and entered the basilica, followed by the ecclesiastical hierarchy.

The Pope proceeded to the Gregorian Chapel and seated himself upon the gestatorial chair, then the Papal procession marched down through a throng of 40,000 admitted inside the basilica. Cardinal Canalis pleaded in the Pope to proclaim his apostolic blessing on all present and also proclaim for them plenary indulgence. The Pope granted the request, extending plenary indulgence to all who witnessed the ceremonies at any of the four basilicas, all those outside in the squares and those listening by radio if they were spiritually prepared to receive it. —United Press.

## Season's greetings

The Editor and staff wish all readers a Very Merry Christmas. There will be no publication of the "China Mail" tomorrow or Tuesday, because of the holidays, but the paper will be available as usual on Wednesday morning.

## French Gov't obtains vote of confidence

Paris, December 24. The French Prime Minister, M. Georges Bidault's, Government obtained its vote of confidence early this morning by 303 votes to 207.

By this vote, the National Assembly agreed to debate the Government's amended Budget Bill. The narrow victory was regarded here as having considerably weakened the Government's position.

Many lobby observers forecast that the Government would not be able to survive the clause-by-clause discussion of the Budget Bill, beginning on Monday, when votes will be taken on specific taxes to many of which there is widespread opposition. —Reuter.

## Hospitality



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## Regulations governing car parks delayed

Traffic regulations governing special car parks for owner-driven and chauffeur driven cars will not be enforced until the appropriate signs have been placed at the designated car parks, according to an official statement by the Hong Kong Automobile Association yesterday.

In an attempt to clear up the confusion that exists among car drivers regarding the special car parks, the Association's statement added that it will probably be some time next month when the regulations will be enforced.

The statement added: "It is hoped that the provision of certain car parks in the Central District for owner-driven vehicles only will relieve at least to some extent the present traffic pressure for parking space."

However, since the publication of the regulations regarding these special car parks there has been some objection from certain quarters, mainly from firms and companies in the catering district who have several chauffeur-driven vehicles which they are obliged to send into the Central District for banking and other business purposes.

In view of these protests the Hong Kong Automobile Association understands that the Traffic Department has reconsidered its original decision to make all the

car parks in the Central District for owner-driven vehicles only and now intends to leave the whole of the Commaght Road car park, from Murray Road down to beyond Sincere's free for the parking of all vehicles, both owner-driven and chauffeur-driven.

Furthermore, the Hong Kong Automobile Association can state on good authority that it is expected the special car parks designated for owner-driven cars will only be reserved for owner-driven cars during business hours, all car parks will be available to both chauffeur-driven and owner-driven vehicles after office hours and on week-ends and holidays.

"While the HKAA realizes that the introduction of special car parks for owner-driven cars only will not prove popular with motorists employing chauffeurs, the Association does feel that the great majority of motorists in the Colony will benefit and that it is at least a step in the right direction to relieve to some small extent the present acute parking problem in the Central District."

The Hong Kong Automobile Association appealed to all motorists in the Colony to show the utmost possible consideration and courtesy towards their fellow motorists, to all pedestrians and to the public in general.

Always be careful and considerate towards others. As a responsible citizen a motorist has a duty to the community not to endanger or impede others in their lawful use of the King's Highway, said the statement.

## Personalia

Mr. Todd has been appointed to act as Colonial Secretary during the absence of Mr. J. F. Nicoll who left Hong Kong on home leave on Friday.

Mr. B. C. K. Hawkins, Commissioner of Labour, has been appointed to act for Mr. R. R. Todd as Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

Mr. Q. A. A. MacFadyen has been appointed to act as Commissioner of Labour.

Mr. Arthur Gruffell Clarke has been appointed to act as Financial Secretary.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Friday included Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Wadsworth, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Gulgarn, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Leiper, Mrs. M. Dunthorne, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Goodale, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Terry, Messrs. L. Verne, W. Zimmerman, N. Carmona, E. S. Newell, H. S. Gillespie.

New arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Friday included Messrs. S. Fischer, R. V. Welch and B. J. Wall.

Messrs. Williams B. Dunn, M. Laing and Teng Poo-tung left Hong Kong for Hanoi yesterday by Air France.

Miss Hazel G. Gardner, Mrs. Y. C. King, Messrs. Lesca Roger, M. Droulers, M. Durandard, and E. R. Mc. Gleughlin left Hong Kong for Saigon yesterday by Air France.

## IN MEMORIAM

All ranks 1st Battalion The Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridge's Own) remember with pride Colonel LA Newnham G.C., M.C., Lt. Colonel WHM Stewart D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C. and 355 all ranks of the great majority of motorists in the Colony will benefit and that it is at least a step in the right direction to relieve to some small extent the present acute parking problem in the Central District."

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# Christmas messages to the troops in Hong Kong

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"Many calls of a varied nature have been made on the Army during the past 12 months. These have often involved much personal sacrifice and discomfort but all ranks have carried out their duties conscientiously and loyally in the best tradition of the service and in a manner that has inspired and earned the admiration and respect of all."

The Army Council (think all ranks for their untiring efforts and for the ready way in which every call made upon them has been answered."

Texts of the Christmas messages to merchant seamen from the Minister of Transport and the Secretary of State for the Colonies read:

"As Minister of Transport I send my cordial greetings and thanks to all those whose generosity and help have made it possible for our merchant seamen to enjoy Christmas in clubs and hostels overseas."

"I also send my best wishes to all ranks of the merchant navy, whose duty keeps them from home at this time of traditional reunion and it is my sincere hope that wherever they may be they will enjoy good cheer and good company."

"A happy Christmas and a good New Year to you all!"

The Secretary of State for the Colonies message said:

"In associating myself with the message from the Minister of Transport I send my very warm greetings and good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all those members of the merchant navy whose homes are in the colonies."

"My greetings also and sincere thanks to all those responsible for the valuable work which is being done for the welfare of merchant seamen at colonial ports."

## Salvage tug returns from Pratas Rocks

The salvage tug, Caroline Moller returned yesterday from the Pratas Rocks after assisting rescue work on the Chinese LST, Chiang Hsing. She left last evening, towing the "laid-up" freighter An Hsin to Taiwan.

Passengers and personnel of the LST were rescued earlier in November by HMS Belfast and the Caroline Moller and subsequently taken to Taiwan by another vessel.

Rough weather and the treacherous submarine conditions have frustrated several attempts to pull the Chung Hsing from the rocks, where she grounded in late October.

The Caroline Moller will probably return to the Pratas to resume operation with favourable tides.

HMS Belfast, despatched to the scene by courtesy of the Admiralty after efforts to procure a local vessel to effect the rescue failed, brought back to the Colony 224 stranded passengers from the Pratas.

The passengers, mostly Nationalist soldiers and their families, were transferred to the British steamer Sing King in Junk Bay. They were later taken aboard the Chinese freighter Min Chung and sent to Taiwan.

The LST, which left Canton on October 14 for Taiwan, with 700 passengers and 22 days' food supplies and water, ran on to coral reefs off the Pratas early at dawn on October 16. Her distress call was picked up here.

## LOCAL ESTATES

Local estate valued at \$621,600 was left by David Marcus Gubbay, of Torbay Hotel, Torquay, Devon County, formerly of Shanghai, who died at the Torbay Hotel on January 11, 1940.

An application by Mr. G. D. Slade, barrister at law, for and on behalf of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Hong Kong (Trustee) Limited, lawful attorney for the estate, for a certificate of probate of will of the deceased, has been granted.

Donald McLaren Neilson, late of Holchoy, Cromlix Crescent, Dublin, Perthshire, Scotland, who died at Stirling, Perthshire, on December 18, 1940, left local estate valued at \$78,100.

An application by Mr. Slade for a certificate of probate of will of the deceased has been granted.

Local estate valued at \$62,700 was left by Moses Mordecai Simon Gubbay, retired baker, late of Collesara, County of Kent, London, formerly of Shere, near Guildford, Surrey, who died on May 14, 1941, in London.

An application by Mr. D. B. Evans, solicitor and lawful attorney for the estate, for a certificate of probate of will, with a codicil of the deceased has been granted.

Vladimir Anatole Gino, master, formerly of 208 Prince Edward Road, Kowloon, who died on September 10, 1940, at Saint Paul's Hospital, Hong Kong, left local estate valued at \$50,000.

An application for a certificate of probate for Letters of Administration of the estate has been granted.

Local estate sworn under \$15,200 was left by Harry Henry Blyth, engineer, late of 446 King's Road, Kowloon, who died at the Queen Mary Hospital, on September 4, 1940.

An application by Mr. Slade for the Letters of Administration of the estate has been granted.

## Application for review of sentence

Mr. Percy Chen made an application before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Kowloon yesterday for a review of sentence passed on Tso Kin, mechanic, who was sentenced to two years' hard labour for causing malicious damage to a hydraulic brake cable of a Civil Air Transport plane on December 16.

Shortly after he was sentenced on December 17 defendant made an appeal through his legal counsel against the sentence to the Supreme Court. Mr. Chen, in making the application said that the appeal is being withdrawn and that he asked for a review.

Mr. d'Almada granted the application subject to the withdrawal of the appeal and tentatively set December 28, 9.30 a.m. as the date for hearing.

Tso, who was employed by the Jardine Aircraft Maintenance Company, was alleged to have attempted to immobilize the CAT plane on the morning of December 16. A witness, who was called to testify at Tso's trial, said that earlier that morning all CAT planes at Kai Tak with the exception of the one in question, were subjected to a general inspection for flying.

Washington, December 22. A vigorous new United States appeal, directed to Moscow regarding Japanese and German war prisoners still held by Russia is under consideration, diplomatic authorities in Washington indicated today. Associated Press.

## Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

## Recognition of Peking Government

Sh. I should be most grateful if you could find space for the enclosed open letter to the public:

As Christmas, and New Year are approaching, we are looking forward to receiving you, can it possibly be so soon? We have to lay our cards on the table and find out why we should have it.

In the first place, since World War I and II came to an end, and after unnecessary and enormous sacrifices, the conquerors are not much better off than the conquered. In the case of Germany and Japan the Allies have been obliged to look after the welfare of the conquered at their own expense. If they had known the conditions of today, they would have realized that they had taken the wrong course and they should have stopped short long ago. That is why we should advocate peace at any price, for after all it is cheaper to have peace than war.

In the second place, as we are human beings and not beasts, why should we fight against each other like beasts or even worse than the beasts? Surely we should not have barbarian against barbarian—killing or ruining millions of people in case of War for no good purpose. The teaching of our Sage, Confucius, is that "within the four seas, all are brothers," which has the same meaning as "all nations of the world are just like the members of one family." Such being the case, why should we antagonise and quarrel with our friendly Powers and why should we have a fight among our own nationalists? Therefore this is the right time to wake up and do our duty for the love of mankind, advancement of science and art, welfare of the people, the betterment of the livelihood of the working class, and mutual respect for different races and colours.

In the third place, for the sake of humanity, there should be no more cold war in the West. There should be a stop to the internecine war in China. The requirement of the former is a real disarmament, agreed upon between the four big Powers. The requirement of the latter is the immediate recognition of the Peking Government by all the Chinese nationals as well as by the foreign Powers, because the Peking Administration is the only effective Government in China today, and the majority of the Chinese people are ready and willing to accept its government, which tries to bring order out of the chaos of the past thirty years. A man in the street can realize that further delay in recognition is not only for the foreigners who propose to have dealings with the Chinese people, but also for the Chinese themselves who have been suffering the consequences of war longer than they could.

As we are aware, the voice of the people is the voice of God. Let us combine together and raise our voice until the so-called Christians will obey God and restore peace.

LOO HSING-YUAN.

## Bishop of Japan visits Hong Kong

The Right Reverend Michael Yashiro, the presiding Bishop of Japan, arrived in Hong Kong by air yesterday afternoon.

He was met at Kai Tak airfield by the Right Reverend Ronald Hall, the Bishop of Hong Kong, and immediately drove to the Peninsula Hotel, where he registered for a 12-hour stay.

Early yesterday afternoon Bishop Yashiro visited Stanley Chapel in the company of the Reverend C. Harth, and addressed Japanese war criminals.

Bishop Yashiro conveyed a message of good cheer to the prisoners at Stanley. He left late yesterday afternoon for Tokyo to resume his official duties in Japan.

The Japanese Bishop, as head of the Anglican communion in Japan, passed through Hong Kong on his way to the Lambeth Conference in London.

## PRICE OF RICE

The Rice Controller is considering urgently how to reduce the price of rice, it was officially announced yesterday.

Arrangements are being made to release to the public a large quantity of cheap rice (not of a very good quality but low grade rice) through the ordinary Government retail rice shops.

## Help Your Piles

If you have itching, bleeding, or other troubles, consult your doctor. He will advise you to use the only reliable remedy for piles, which is the only one that has been proved by scientific tests to be effective.

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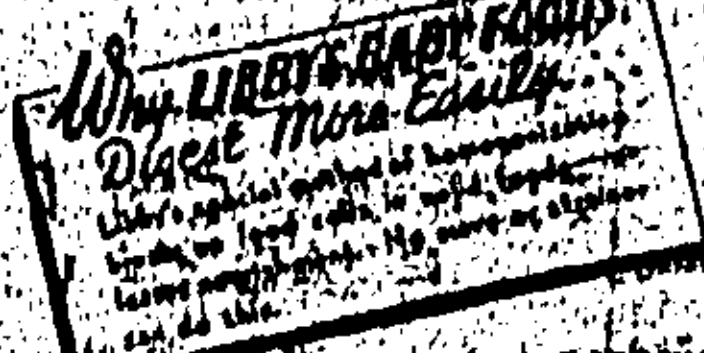
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## Reminders

**Tue. H. Classical Concert, 8.00**  
**Macdonald Road, 8.30 p.m.**  
**Sat. Chinese Church 7 a.m. Holy**  
**Communion, 8 a.m. Holy**  
**Communion with Hymns; 10**  
**a.m. Forces Services, 11 a.m.**  
**Festal Morning Prayer and**  
**Dedication of new Church**  
**Organ Preacher Bishop Hall,**  
**12.15 p.m. Holy Communion,**  
**1.30 p.m. Festal Evensong**  
**3rd Session of Preacher Rev.**  
**1.40 o'clock 7.30 p.m. Forces**  
**"At Home" in Village.**  
**Fourth Annual Exhibition of**  
**Chinese Products on site oppo-**  
**site to Pinnala Hotel, 10 a.m.**  
**to 10 p.m.**  
**Tue. p.m. Y.M.C.A. Christmas**  
**Carol, West Lounge 8.30**  
**25.**  
**Eng. P.m. Section, Borderers**  
**Y.M.C.A. for Children of**  
**English Expatriates.**  
**Wed. Chinese Students Club open**  
**8 p.m.**  
**Ch. for Englishmen Services in Kai**  
**Lat. Airstad 10 a.m.**  
**Special Service Dinner and**  
**Social at Nankai Home and**  
**Mess and 4 Seaters.**  
**Eng. Ch. Charity Cup match**  
**eng. v. Scottish 4.15 p.m.**  
**Happy Valley, 3.30**  
**26.**

TOMORROW

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 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
 Seventh Annual Chinese Products  
 Exhibition on the opposite  
 Paramount Hotel 10 a.m. to 10  
 p.m.  
 St. Andrews Church, St. John  
 Apollo and Evangelist, Holy  
 Communion at 7:15 a.m.  
 Y. Men Club Xmas Party for  
 Members' Children at 150  
 Kennedy Road, 2:30 p.m.  
 Lion Dancers Services, Club  
 White Drive, 8 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
 Seventh Annual Chinese Products  
 Exhibition on the opposite  
 Paramount Hotel 10 a.m. to 10  
 p.m.  
 Tr. of Meeting, 50, Macdonnell  
 Road, 8:30 p.m.  
 Nine Dragons Services Club  
 Dancing Classes 2:30 p.m.  
 Mahjong classes 5 p.m.  
 St. Andrew's Church, Directors  
 Day Holy Communion, at 7:15

Public subscriptions to the Hong Kong War Memorial Fund received between November 26 and December 23 were:

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Roseman 1 500  
Received by November 25 3 771,901.2

A group of Catholic pilgrims from Hong Kong will fly to Rome to attend celebrations commemorating the Holy Year sometime in June, a representative of the Catholic community in Hong Kong told the "Sunday Herald" yesterday.

The Right Reverend Bishop Valtorta, the Catholic Bishop of Hong Kong, will lead the Colony's pilgrimage. If his engagements during June will permit.

The annual Servicemen's Christmas Dinner and Concert at the Sailors and Soldiers Home was held on Thursday. The Home was filled to capacity by more than 300 men.

On each man's plate was placed a card of greeting from the Home Committee and the Chaplain, the Reverend Mr. J. E. Sandbach.

The dinner was followed by a grand Christmas concert. The artists were Miss I. Vincent, Miss W. Cox, Mr. David McGavin, Mr. Giddis, Mr. Smith and Chief P. O. Tonga.

During the interval the Rev. J. E. Sandbach said that it gave the committee and himself great pleasure to have so many men as guests.

The Holy Year begins this week. Its inception will conform to a tradition which has extended down to the present day from the earliest Catholic era.

An array of Catholic personalities has already assembled at the Vatican where in a few days time they will hear His Holiness the Pope, attired in ermine and purple and the full regalia of Christ's representative on earth, will proclaim the arrival of 365 days of special prayers and exhortations for peace and the sanctification of the world.

Rediffusion has arranged more than 14 hours of special Christmas programmes to be broadcast on Christmas Day.

Special programmes include "Christ is Born Today" at 8.15 a.m., "A Garland of Christmas Carols" at 2 p.m., "The Rediffusion Christmas Concert" at 4.30 p.m., featuring Sviety Levin conducting the Symphony Orchestra "International Christmas," the Yuletide message in music and song round the world, at 5.30 p.m., and "The Christmas Carol

Fresh fish average prices realized at the Hung Keng Fish Wholesale Market, Kennedy Town, yesterday were:-

|                                                                         | First quality<br>price   | Average<br>price a catty |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Mud Grouper                                                             | \$2.77                   | \$2.30                   |
| Cornish Fish                                                            | 1.51                     | 1.51                     |
| Snapper                                                                 | 1.50                     | 1.25                     |
| White Pomfret (large)                                                   | 2.70                     | 2.00                     |
| Conner Pike (small)                                                     | 1.31                     | 1.44                     |
| Mutan Sole (large)                                                      | 1.77                     | 1.61                     |
| (small)                                                                 | 1.20                     | .85                      |
| Golden Thread                                                           | 1.25                     | 1.16                     |
| Horse Head (small)                                                      | 1.03                     | 1.10                     |
| Conner Pike (large)                                                     | 1.45                     | 1.30                     |
| Red Sea Bream (large)                                                   | 4.40                     | 3.77                     |
| Hair Tail                                                               | .58                      | .77                      |
| Average wholesale prices of fish in the<br>week ended December 22, 1934 |                          |                          |
|                                                                         | Average<br>price a catty | Half Price               |
| Yellow Croaker                                                          | \$1.04                   | \$1.01                   |
| Crowder                                                                 | .55                      | .55                      |
| Golden Thread                                                           | 1.31                     | .90                      |
| Grouper                                                                 | 2.01                     | 1.44                     |
| Red Snapper                                                             | 1.35                     | 1.62                     |
| Horse Head                                                              | 1.18                     | .97                      |
| Red Sea Bream                                                           | 2.50                     | .97                      |
| Starling Fish                                                           | .79                      | .88                      |
| Conner Pike                                                             | 1.27                     | .78                      |
| White Pomfret                                                           | 1.04                     | 1.38                     |
| Thin Tail                                                               | 1.24                     | .84                      |
| Mutan Sole                                                              | 1.25                     | .84                      |
| Creville                                                                | 1.50                     | .87                      |

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wu, who were married at St. John's Cathedral yesterday. The bride is the former Miss Margaret Huang. A reception was later held at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden.—("China Mail" photo).

More than 900 kilos of mail and one ton of cargo were brought here from the United Kingdom yesterday when a British Overseas Airways' aircraft arrived at 10.27 a.m.

Commanded by Captain J. L. Gregory, the aircraft which was originally expected to arrive on Friday afternoon, was delayed at Cairo due to minor instrumental trouble.

According to a crew member of the aircraft, a replacement had to be obtained from England to replace the faulty instrument. After replacing the instrument, foggy weather

the instrument, foggy weather at Basrah, Iraq, prevented the aircraft from taking off until the evening of December 21.

Upon her arrival, the aircraft disembarked 12 passengers. They were: Lieutenant E. A. Britton, Mr. W. Luckie, Mrs. B. J. Merritt Dr. G. M. Woodman, Mr. A. W. S. Smith, Mrs. M. A. Smith, Master G. P. Smith, Miss. R. A. Smith Mr. M. J. P. Hulbert, Mr. G. Colie, Mr. W. D. St. Clair and Miss. J. F. Collar.

**Brockbank-Galloway**

Union Church was the scene of a pretty wedding yesterday, when Miss Patricia Mary Stirling Galloway became the bride of Mr. Joseph Brockbank. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Galloway of Scotland and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Brockbank, also of Scotland. The bridesmaid was Miss Joanna Thompson and the best man Mr. R. R. Ridsdale. The Matron of Honor was Mrs. Milne. The bride was given away in her marriage by Mr. T. Thompson. The honeymoon is being spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brockbank at the reception of the bride was proposed by Mr. A. Wylie.

For children in Hong Kong's orphanages and homes the Social Welfare Officer would be pleased to receive used Christmas and New Year cards.

new Year cards for making up to scrap books. Packages of such cards may be sent postage free, if they are marked "Used Christmas Cards" in the top left hand corner and are left open at each end. Anyone who would like to give away such cards should forward them to the Social Welfare Officer, Fire Brigade Building, preferably well before Christmas.

The Birthday of Guru Govind Singh, Jee will be celebrated by the Sikh Community tomorrow at the Sikh Temple. Well wishers and followers of the Sikh faith are invited to the function and meal and refreshment will be served.

The **ss. General Gordon** arrived here yesterday with 93 passengers for the Colony and 131 in transit from Manila.

She left shortly after midnight today for the return trip to San Francisco with a number of Chinese notables among those who embarked.

Linked in the "Who's Who" of the East-going passengers, are Lieutenant Colonel L. Tai-nu, Chinese Ambassador to Turkey en route to Istanbul to take up his post, and his family; Mr. Tang Huen-shan, Member of the Committee of Overseas Affairs Commission of the Chinese National Government, based in Chungking, who is returning to San Francisco after completing his contract covering the production of a number of Chinese motion pictures for Grandview Film Company, Hong Kong; Mr. Yip Tsun-wei, Financial Secretary of the China Foundation of American Boosters; Dr. Ailing-shih Jen-lan, connected with the Pan American Sanitary Bureau Regional Office for the Americas at Washington; Mr. Justin J. Warrentier, an attorney from Washington, D.C., who has been in the Colony endeavoring to expedite the processing of documents for Chinese American citizens; Dr. Hu Tsin-lu, professor of Lingnan University, Canton, visiting the United States; Mr. Clayton L. Holm, returning to America after completing his contract with the Ethiopian Airways, and Mrs. Chen Chu Kwan-sheng, accompanied by two children, who are working in the Colony; her husband, who is the First Secretary of the Chinese Embassy there.

The Band of the Royal Leicestershire Regiment will perform at a second open air concert at the Botanical Gardens on Tuesday between 3 and 5 p.m.

The concert will be conducted by Bandmaster J. Purcell, ARMC. The programme will include: March Militaire (Schubert), Overture: The Calph of Bagdad (Goldieu), Waltz: The Grenadiers (Waldteufel), Selection: New Sullivan (Sullivan), Salut d'Amour (Elgar), Ambarito Roca (Toldor), Selection from The Merry Widow (Lahar) and Selection: This is the Army (Berlin) Regimental Marches.

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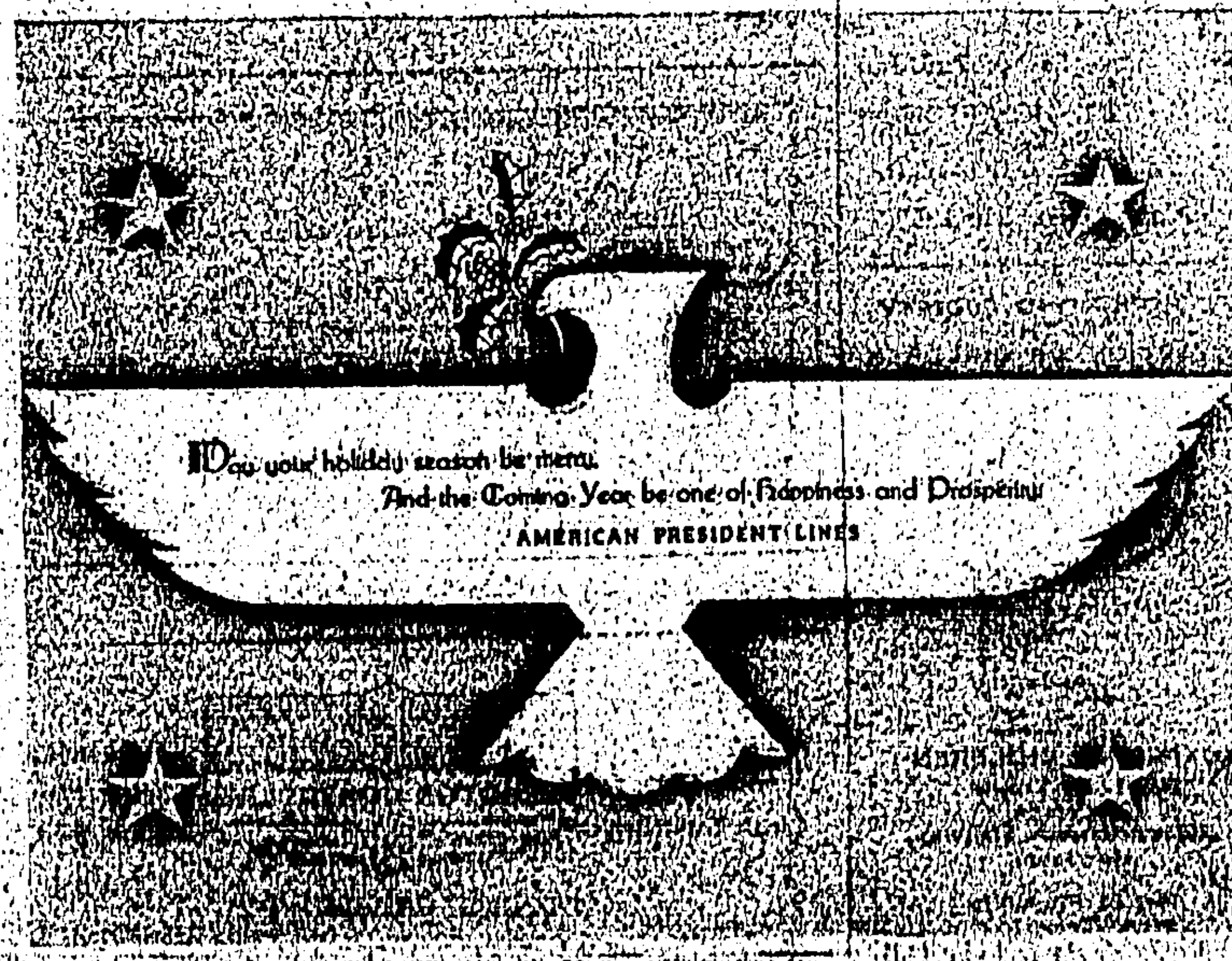
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## Court Brevities

A quarrel over the sale of fish led to a shooting, Keung Hung, aged 17, appealing before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday charged with unlawfully wounding his elder brother.

Detective Sub Inspector R. G. Laurel said that during the rush hour at the Tung Lung Chow Market in Wanam on Friday morning, Keung Hung became annoyed with his brother, Keung Tak, aged 33, because of the business at their fish stall.

As Keung Tak walked away, the defendant struck at him with a fish chopper, causing a deep gash in his back.

Keung Tak told the Court that he did not wish his brother to be too severely punished and did not wish to ask for compensation. He forgave the defendant for his assault and wanted to forget all about the matter.

The defendant was fined \$100 and both men were bailed over in a sum of \$100 for one year.

"Do you know kerosene burns? You are lucky you are here to answer the charge," remarked Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Kowloon yesterday when the fined Wong Hing Ahmonger, \$50 on a charge of smoking on a lorry while conveying dangerous goods.

On a charge of larceny by finding, Li Fu-kwei, 22-year-old unemployed, was sentenced to four weeks' imprisonment plus a recommendation for banishment by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Kowloon yesterday.

Inspector K. Bodle said that on Friday in Nathan Road, defendant picked up an envelope containing a letter and cheque for US\$50 and failed to report his find. The envelope was said to belong to a Miss Tang Oi-yee.

Pleading guilty to a charge of larceny from the person, James Mahoney, signor, Shamshui Po Barracks, was fined \$20 by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Kowloon yesterday.

Inspector P. Lowe told the Court that yesterday morning at Taiwan, Hing-shing, Mahoney gave a Young Lun-cham, \$20 but later changed his mind and snatched back \$10. In the process of snatching complainant's watch-chain was broken, for the repair of which defendant was ordered to pay \$5 compensation.

For giving false information to the Police, Wong Fuk, aged 29, was cautioned by Mr. A. D. Scholes at Central yesterday.

Inspector Dewar told the court that on December 24 defendant made a report to the police that he had lost \$300 on a West bound train on December 23.

The police made inquiries and they went as far as the Loeh when it was discovered that defendant had lost the money in gambling.

Defendant had an advance of \$200 salary from his master and \$100 of his own. Defendant in making a report to the police, tried to convince the master he needed another advance of salary.

## Obituary

Mr. S. Stafford-Smith

Mr. S. Stafford-Smith, formerly of the British-American Tobacco Company (China) Limited, died at Wellington, New Zealand, on December 22, 1949.

Mr. Stafford-Smith was well-known in Hong Kong. He was caught here when the Pacific War broke out in December 1941. He was interned by the Japanese and went home after the liberation.

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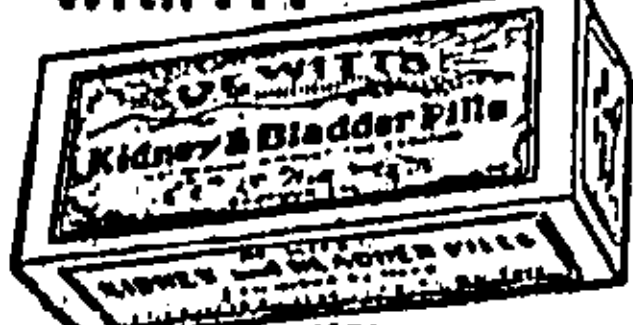
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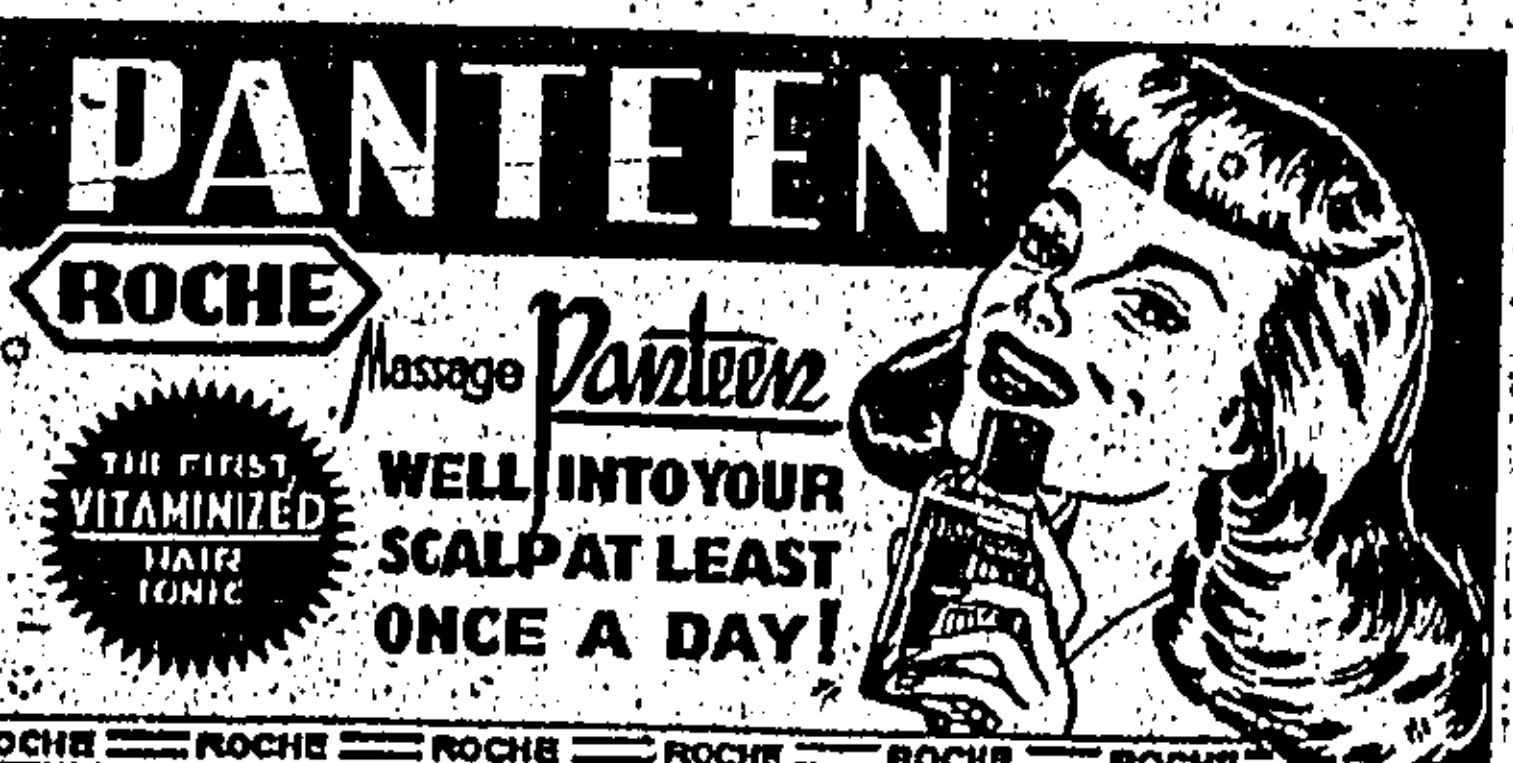
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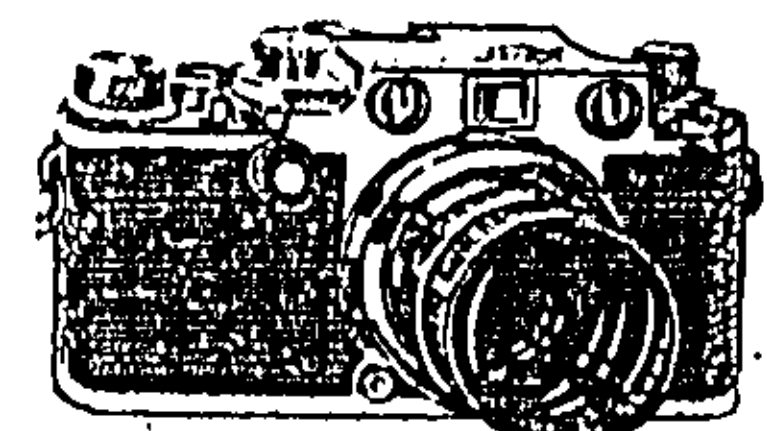
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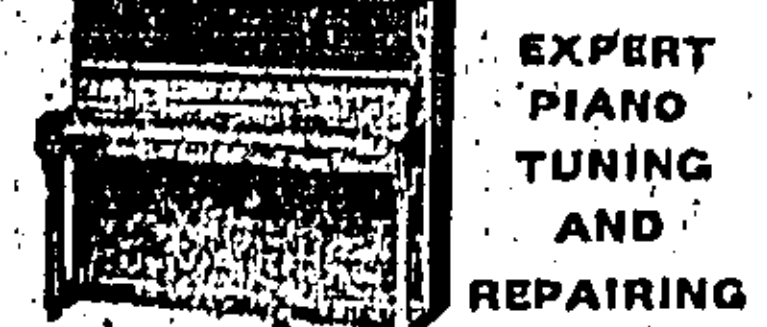
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## FEBRUARY

(January 20—February 18)  
If travelling over the holiday, have your arrangements clear cut. Complications tend to creep into anything that concerns travel, correspondence, publicity. A good week socially, you will get your full share of Christmas fun.

## MARCH

(February 19—March 20)  
Money muddles may prove irritating in next few days. Be careful you don't over-estimate your holiday income. A week of movement probably on family affairs and much extra work with one for a relative. End of week likely to be the most agreeable socially.

## APRIL

(March 21—April 20)  
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## WHAT THE STARS FORETELL

By R. H. Naylor

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## MAY

(April 21—May 20)  
If planning to entertain over Christmas, be sure your arrangements are water-tight. Some pre-venter or labour may hold you up unexpectedly. Wednesday should bring some unexpected happiness.

## JUNE

(May 21—June 20)  
Keep an open mind about Christmas festivities and be prepared to play the role of peace-maker if necessary. A fortunate week from the business angle, you should make some substantial profits just after the holiday. Better not travel in next few days, unless you are prepared for unusual difficulties or setbacks.

## JULY

(June 21—July 20)  
Somewhat troubled atmosphere in the domestic circle, one of the family proves temperamental or long-standing grievances are revived. Interesting experience connected with strangers or a new business acquaintance probable on Friday and Saturday. Better postpone some of your Christmas entertaining until the end of the week.

## AUGUST

(July 21—August 20)  
Uncertainty about friends at a distance may not give Christmas enjoyment. But on the spot "good luck" and interesting new friends in spite of the holiday, a good week for new schemes and for snap deals.

## SEPTEMBER

(August 21—September 20)  
Make your Christmas a children's festival and see all your clan of youngsters. Dealings with old people or day visitors to relatives may prove disappointing. Monday and Saturday likely to be the brightest days of the week.

## OCTOBER

(September 21—October 20)  
If you can resist the temptation to parcel with those around you, this should be an outstanding week. Something that has been in the offing for a few months comes through and at the same time you "touch-lucky" financially. Make Wednesday the day for important new undertakings.

## NOVEMBER

(October 21—November 20)  
Though you may have grounds for suspicion of a critical attitude will get you nowhere this week. Instead, relax and make the most of family and friends' goodwill. Be responsive to new acquaintances, follow up introductions mid-week.

## DECEMBER

(November 21—December 20)  
Take care your social arrangements do not become too complicated this Christmas. Probably you will make promises first to one then to another and end the week in trouble. Straightforward tactics both at home and in business your best policy throughout.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25:

FOR MOST OF US: Christmas jells are not likely to ring in peace or goodwill. Contentious or over-critical atmosphere prevails most of day. On no account receive old grievances. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Pastel shades, 0, Turquoise.

## BIRTHDAY FORECAST:

The new year of life that begins today is likely to prove a curious reshuffles and experiments. Whether you like the idea or not, Fate seems to be leading you into fresh paths. By the time you reach your next birthday, a close tie will have been broken and new adventures be under way. Don't force the pace yourself. Circumstances will probably

In this weekly series of articles, one of the world's foremost experts in predicting the future gives his opinions on what you personally can expect in the weeks and months to come.

Look for your birth period below and find the general indications for the week. Note that these observations are made according to the Zodiacal Signs and do not exactly coincide with the Calendar Month. For example, January covers December 21-January 19.

change all too quickly for your liking.

Round about June it will probably be necessary to set about new schemes at short notice. The more adaptable and resourceful you are by nature, the better you will come through this period. In March and again in September, your present associations and more particularly family ties, will become very irksome. It will be a break would occur somewhere, whether you are anxious for it or not. However disagreeable this may be at the time, you will feel happier and more optimistic once it has been accomplished. If you can follow up fresh interests, find new friends in the next month or so, you will end the year in a happy frame of mind.

However different your new work may be from anything you have ever attempted before, set about it with a good heart. Results are likely to be much better than you anticipated. Your personal affairs are likely to be unsettled throughout the year, and a certain amount of worry about other people seems inevitable. Although you may be thinking of marriage, better not enter into it before your next birthday. If already married, face up to the problem of family responsibility as bravely as you can.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26:  
FOR MOST OF US: Lively and possibly stormy day. Spontaneous fun may be disappointed. Provisions for travel and parties of all kinds. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Soft yellow, 5, Poppy.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27:  
FOR MOST OF US: Good for collecting money, attending to legal or financial details. Unsuitable for interviews or for experimental schemes. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Wine red, 3, Amethyst.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28:  
FOR MOST OF US: Day of good fortune. Be tactful, adaptable, if you want to succeed. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Rose pink, 6, Light Sapphire.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29:  
FOR MOST OF US: Make this a day for purely business activities over the week-end. Much could be achieved in spite of opposition. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Bright yellow, 1, Diamond.

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Although this promises to be a year of trouble, it is likely to be one of the happiest you have experienced for some time. You will have more than one period in 1950 when you find it difficult to see your way clearly and you may be about the year you will be well aware that you are being kind to you. Better give careful thought to money problems during the next few months for however astute you are, complications may lead to a creep into most business arrangements. If you have a partner, make quite sure that his or her affairs are in order as well as your own. Also, get the latest information about possible new regulations that are likely to affect you. You that are likely to chance to travel but will get the chance to stay at home this year. If you are away from your usual work or surroundings, "enemies" will take advantage of you. You would merely come back to a pile of work and worry. In spite of complications you are likely to muddle through the year quite happily. You may have "gambler's luck" early in the New Year and again about May. But don't put money into "quick" schemes or into it to people of whose integrity you are not sure.

Although you will be constantly meeting friends this year, don't expect any of your new link-ups to be permanent. People will come in and out of your life in a somewhat startling fashion. If you fall in love in 1950 you will probably find that the affair is enthralling but short-lived.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29:  
FOR MOST OF US: Be more careful than usual about correspondence and about money. Easy to make an expensive blunder this morning or to be saddled with a bad bargain. Good for personal affairs. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Lent green, 4, Emerald.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST:  
Any worries you have during 1950 would be short-lived, and purely material ones. Business details may tend to go wrong and you will have a certain amount of money worries. But in the major issues of life all would be well.

Better budget carefully in the New Year if you want to avoid trouble towards your next birthday. Cut down expenses where you can and watch expenditure. Your income may diminish for a time although it is likely to reach a good level again towards the end of the year. If you get a chance to take up new work or to try out some new scheme, make it in so doing, you will gain experience that leads to prosperity in a year or so.

It would be worth while making a few sacrifices for a new idea. Don't travel this year, long journeys and expensive. But if you would be wise to stay at home, you seem fated to have much to do with foreigners and unusual types of people.

June and July are likely to be particularly interesting. In this way it should be happy and life: one friendship that begins in about six months time will effect you for many years to come. But if there are youngsters in the family you will find them expensive and probably irritating this year. Also, there may be a temporary break with an older relative to whom you have been much attached.

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It will be better to concentrate on your career this year and to put personal problems out of your mind for the time being. Much could be achieved before your next birthday if you are brave enough to make necessary changes and to face up to opposition.

The best time in which to plan business reshuffles or to strike out on your own would be between May and August. If you are offered a responsible job or get a chance to set up on your own during those months, take it. Though you may become unpopular by so doing, you will have made very definite progress towards prosperity.

Money difficulties are not likely to be acute, although you may

be worried from time to time about long term responsibilities or debt. But after the early weeks of the year, income should prove satisfactory and you need have no serious anxiety about pounds, shillings and pence.

Social life is likely to be disappointing throughout 1950. Better forget about it for the time being and engross yourself in your career and in planning future activities. Have as little as possible to do with women and their affairs. It will probably be a happier and more cheerful year for married people than for those still single.

If already married, you will see the family prosper before the end of the year, probably enjoy new adventures and a new home. But if now unmarried, friendships and new friendships are likely to be disappointing until just before your next birthday. Then a link-up may materialise with an old friend.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31:  
FOR MOST OF US: A day for steady work and concentration. Don't scamp any job in hand or be in too much of a hurry. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Navy blue, 8, Jade.

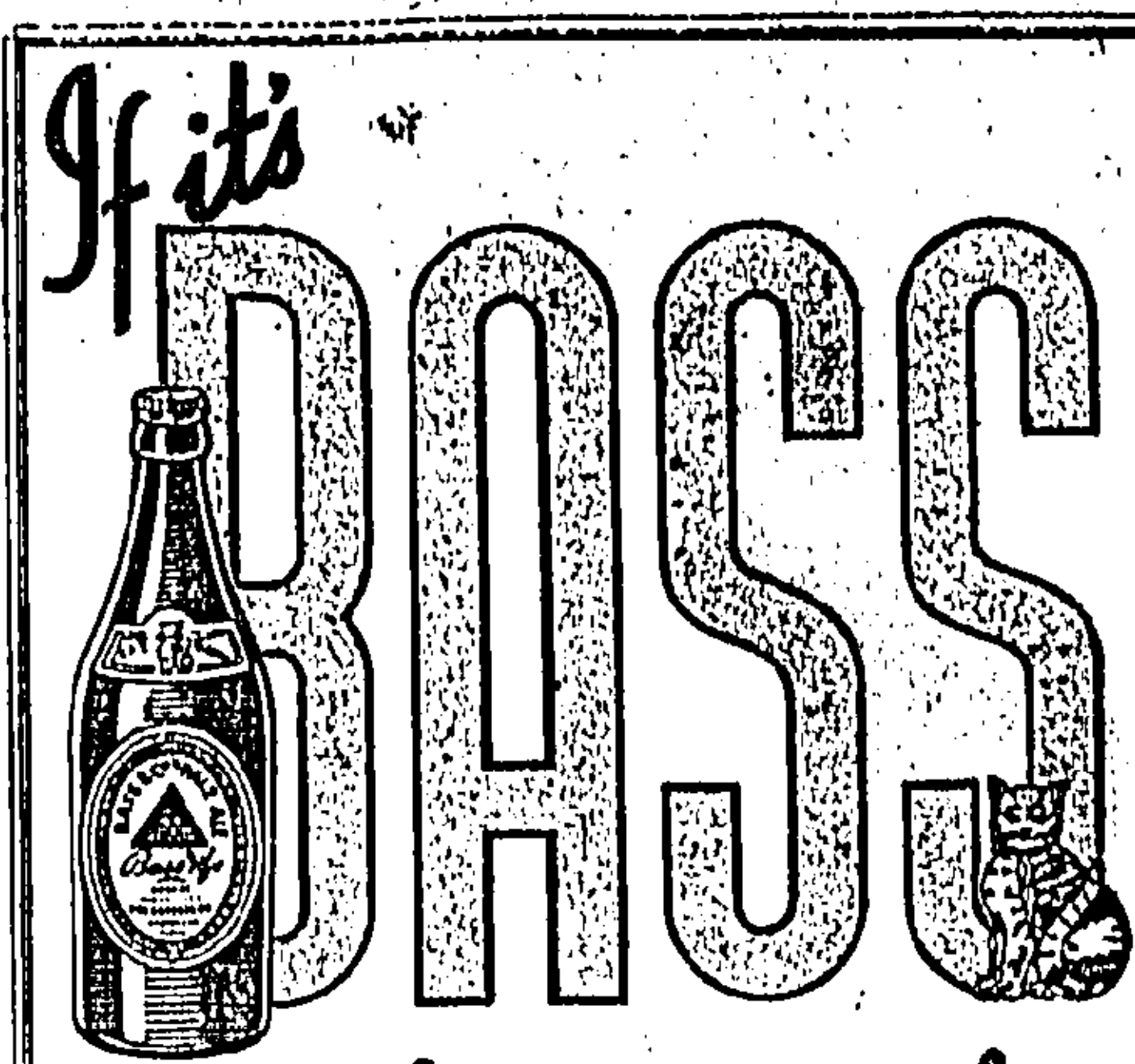
BIRTHDAY FORECAST:  
This coming year may prove to be unusually important. Though life may move rather slowly and schemes take some time to develop, by your next birthday you will realise just how much has been achieved.

Also, better remember that anything fixed up in 1950 is likely to endure for a number of years. It is an outstanding good period for starting out on any course of training or for putting money into schemes that will be slow to mature.

Property deals especially are under propitious stars. If you have surplus cash in 1950 you could not do better than to put it into land or houses. Older people are likely to play an important part in your affairs and will do much to help you throughout the year. Through the kindness of an old woman, you are likely to make a link-up that has been desired for some time. Also, you may be the means of reconciling two old friends.

Rule out travel this year; you will be happier and better off at home. But it might be worth while getting in touch with people whom you knew seven or eight years ago. Business associations of the war period would probably be worth reviving. The older you are the happier your life this year.

Young people with this birthday date will probably be taking life rather more seriously than usual and may be too engrossed in their training or career to have much time for frivolity. Nevertheless, if will probably be a happy period; marriage is likely, particularly if you are now more than 35 or have been married before.



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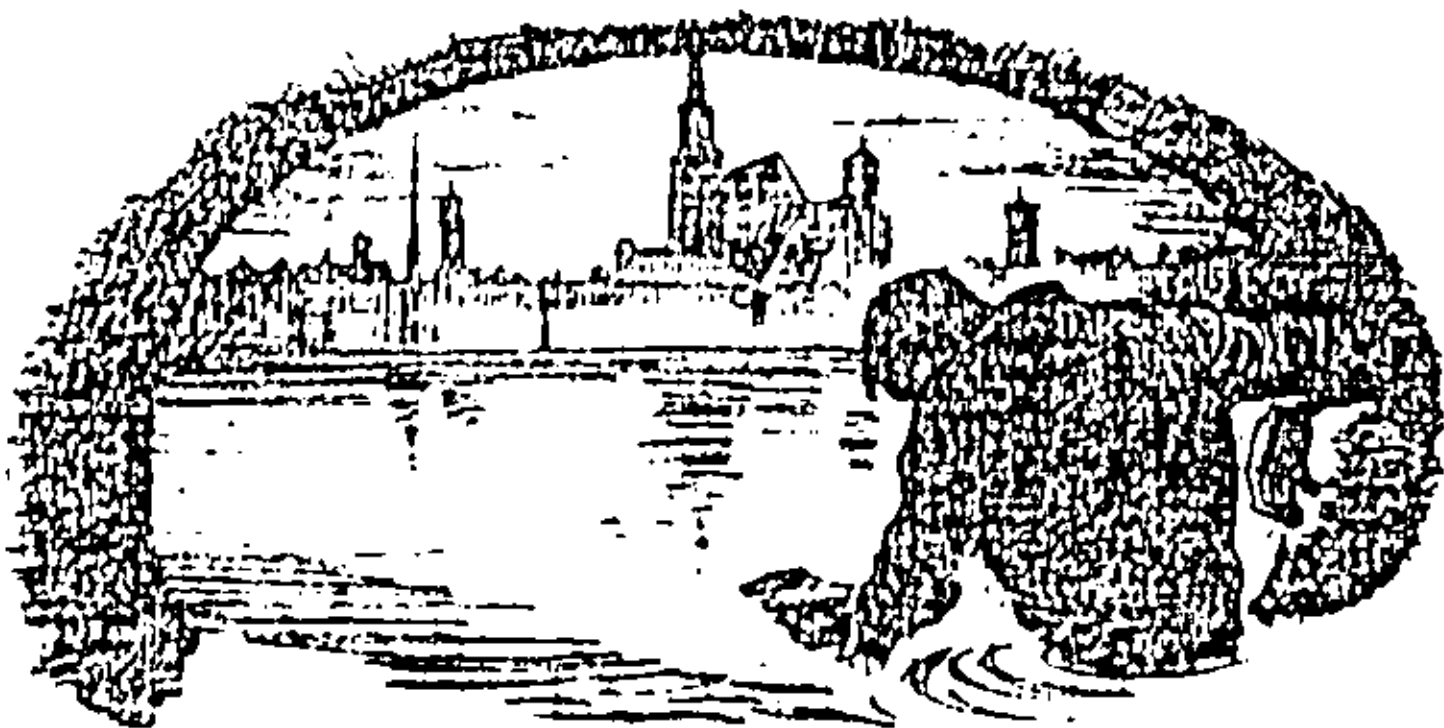
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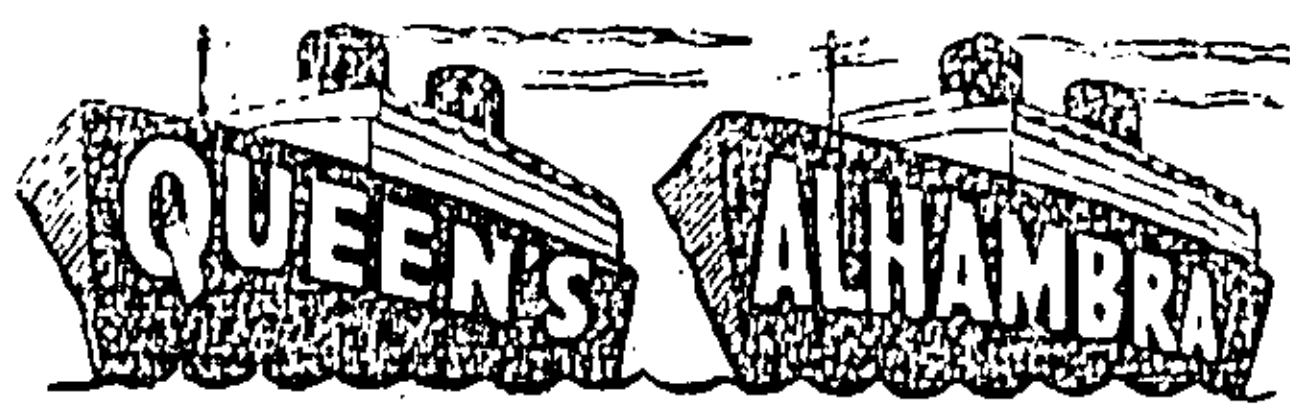


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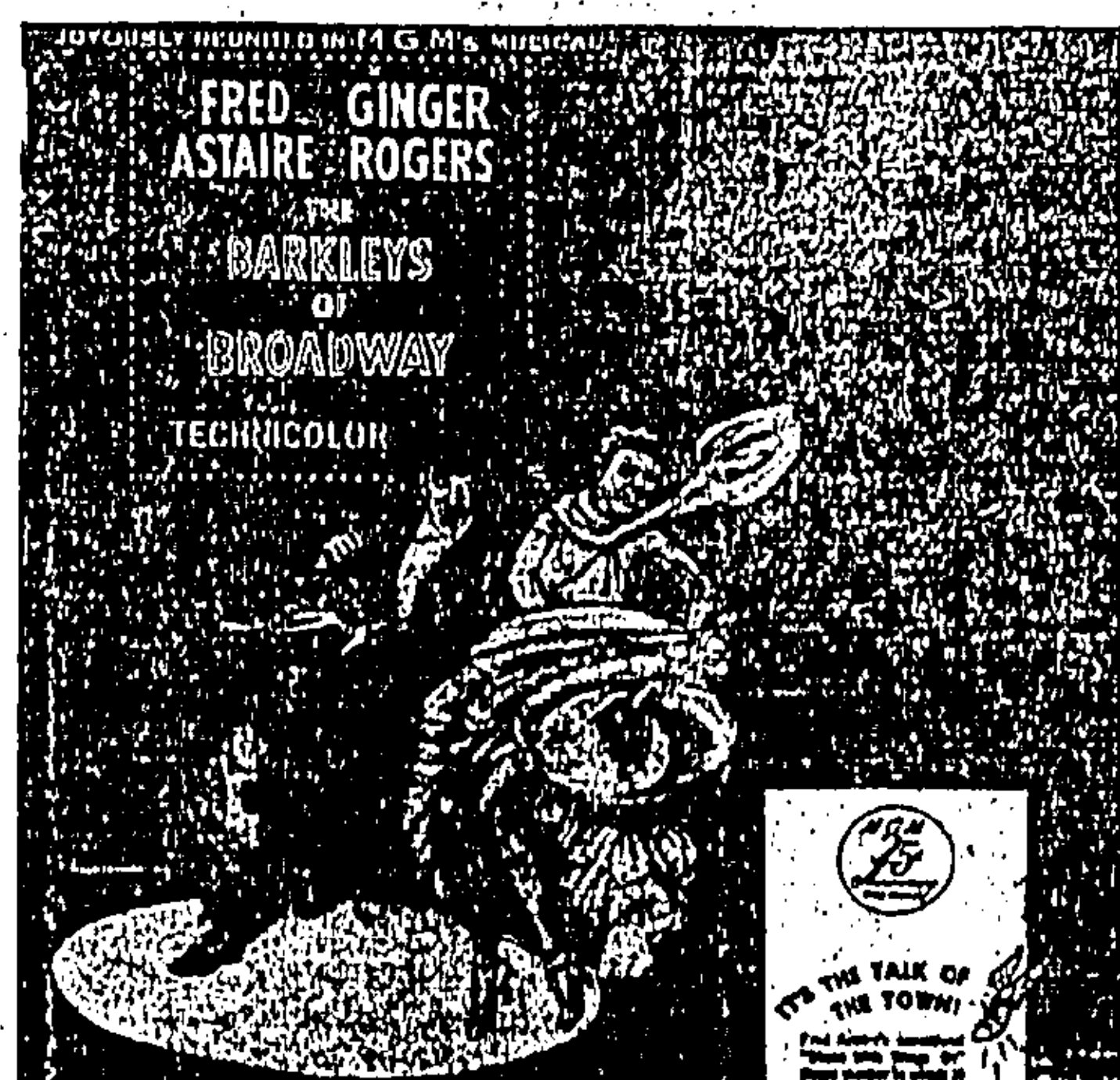
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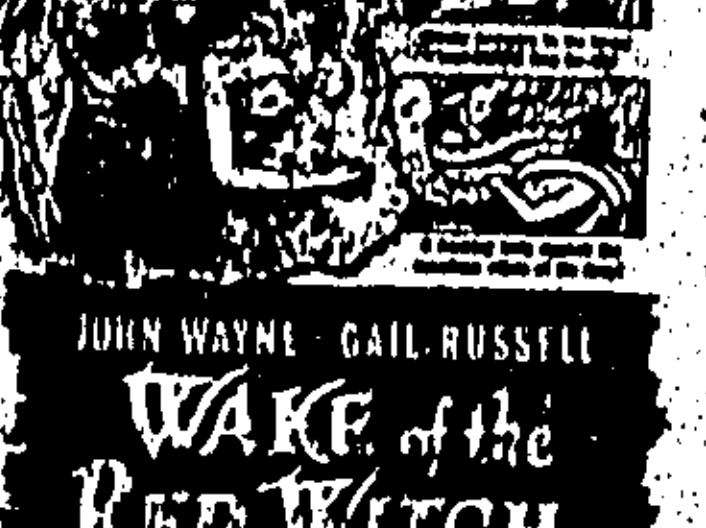
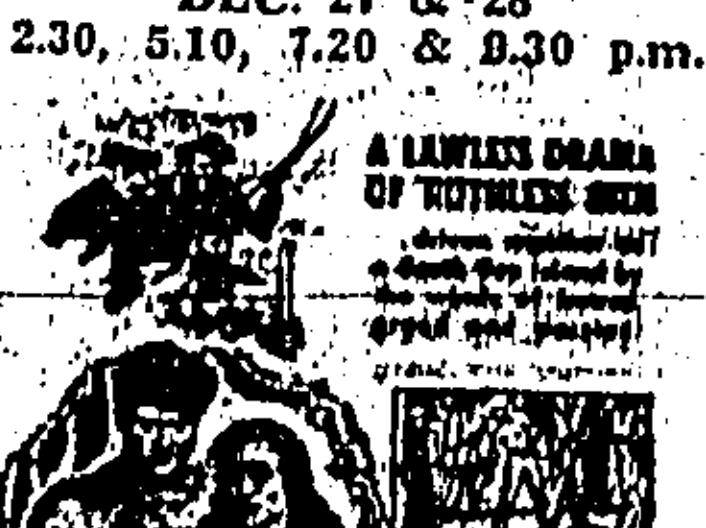
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Security regulations in the Holy Land will restrict the usual flood of Christians making the traditional Christmas pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Nativity at Bethlehem to a trickle this year.

But as Pope Pius XII ushers in the 1950 Holy Year at Rome on Christmas Eve, and carillon in Jerusalem rings out carols, Christmas in other countries is being marked with varying degrees of ease and plenty though high prices limit real luxury.

How Christmastide is being spent is illustrated by Reuter despatches which give this picture:

**HOLY LAND:** Christmas will be celebrated under hard restrictions in Palestine, now experiencing an uneasy peace as the United Nations draw up plans for making Jerusalem an international city.

Only 100 members of the United Nations staff and the Consular corps will use the pilgrim route to Bethlehem. Few pilgrims will take the alternative route by the Old City to the Jericho Road and over a mud track.

Israel has made Christmas dinners possible for Christians by granting extra food rations, and the Israel Army is holding parties for Christian children.

United Nations staff will hold a dance in the King David Hotel.

**ITALY:** Ceremonies associated with the Holy Year overshadow other Christmas preparations, but Italians, who like well-filled tables over Christmas, gloomily watch the continued rise in food-stuff prices.

Midnight Mass will be broadcast from the Shrine in the hills of Cremona in the Umbrian Mountains where St. Francis of Assisi saw the Child Jesus in a vision more than 700 years ago.

**WEST EUROPE:** More food and better glittering toys peep from shops in West Europe but money is none too plentiful.

In France Christmas was formerly a feast in the Catholic calendar but merry-making took place at the New Year. But Anglo-Saxon customs have been growing in the past 50 years and Christmas is now as important as the New Year.

The traditional supper after Midnight Mass includes oysters, fowl, and turkey.

Christmas cards and trees, both traditional in Spain, are seen in greater numbers this year.

A financial crisis has hit Portugal but there is no major food problem except that sugar, butter and sugar have been cornered by blackmarket dealers. For the children there are plenty of toys.

## Brighter than ever

One of the world's brightest capitals, Brussels, is brighter than ever with lights forming arches along the main boulevards which, with big trees planted at short intervals, resemble illuminated Scandinavian woods.

For the average Belgian family it is a costly season with toys in profusion and plenty of food—at a price.

Brussels opera stars will sing Midnight Mass in the Cathedral of St. Gudule.

Luxury goods abound in Holland because the Dutch had to import French perfumes, Belgian fancy goods and British food specialties in recent trade agreements as an inducement to those countries to buy their bulbs—regarded abroad as luxuries.

The Dutch are always ready to make big sacrifices for the children and abolition of the last rationing has made buying easy, except that money is generally short.

Switzerland made no preparation for money-spending tourists, particularly from Britain, and the Swiss will observe Christmas Day as a religious festival—a family day.

Shops are overflowing with every luxury that money can buy—but at prices most Swiss either will not or cannot pay.

But the children in the lovely canton of Valais eagerly look forward to Christmas morning when the front door will half open and a mysterious arm, with gaily brocaded sleeves, throws presents into their hands.

In the high Alps, Catholic peasants will ski down to the villages

for Midnight Mass, lighting their way with flaming torches.

**OCCUPIED COUNTRIES:** West Germany is enjoying its happiest Christmas since the war despite high prices and the shortage of money.

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The season is a measure of West Germany's economic recovery in the past 18 months and people are sacrificing limited savings to buy Christmas fare and presents.

Few shopkeepers bother about ration cards, though these are still officially required for most basic foods.

West Berlin's serious economic situation, as reflected by the 250,000 unemployed, is being eased by shopkeepers allowing purchases to be made on the installment plan.

In East Berlin the German Socialist Unity Party (under Soviet influence) has instructed branches to drop propaganda against old-established Christmas customs as these middle-class traditions are too solidly ingrained for Christmas or Easter to be given a progressive aspect now.

The Soviet substitutes for the Holy Infant and Santa Claus have been discarded.

American troops in Berlin are giving parties for 50,000 needy children.

Vienna and the rest of Austria are having the brightest, gayest Christmas since the war on the surface.

Shops are filled with gifts, food, sweets, surrounded by wreaths of holly, and gilded and silvered mistletoe.

But beneath the surface gaiety is misery and despair. Independence has not been restored and devaluation has sent prices racing up.

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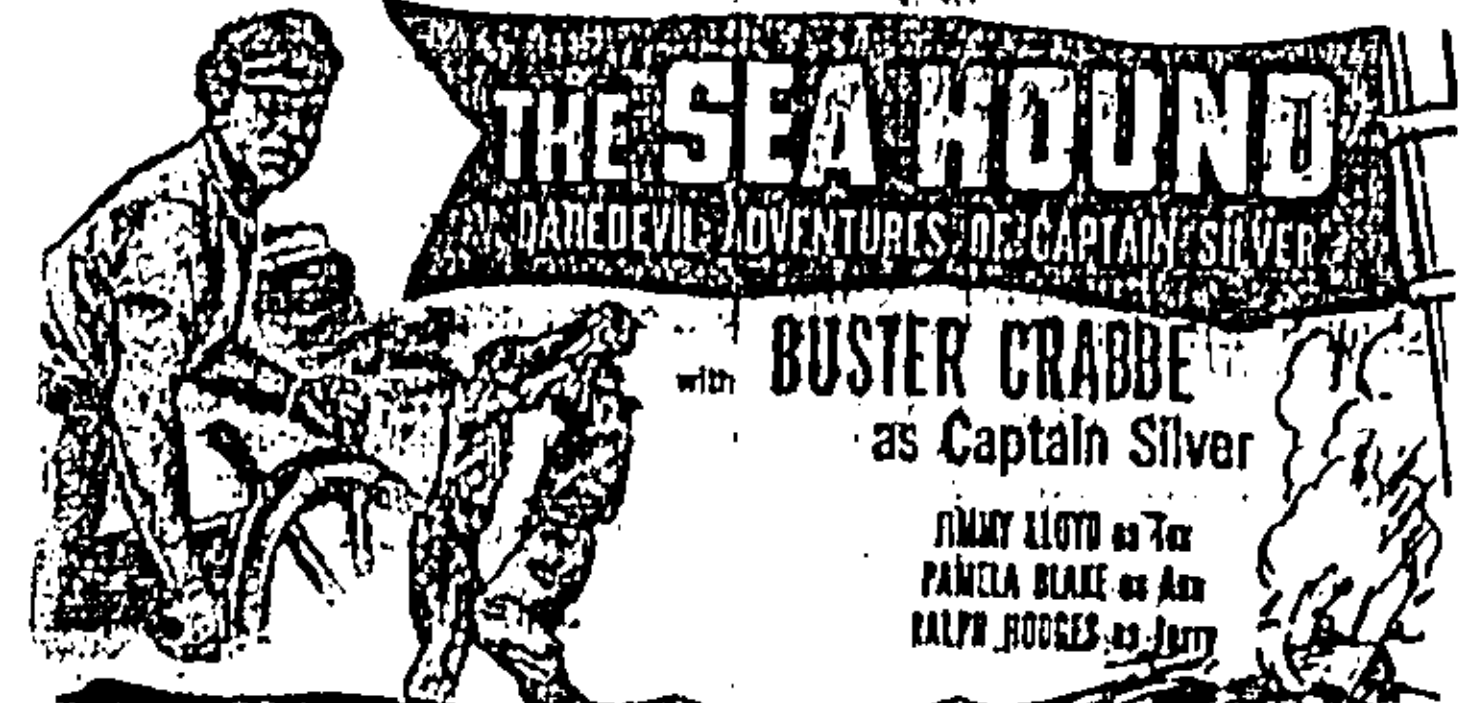
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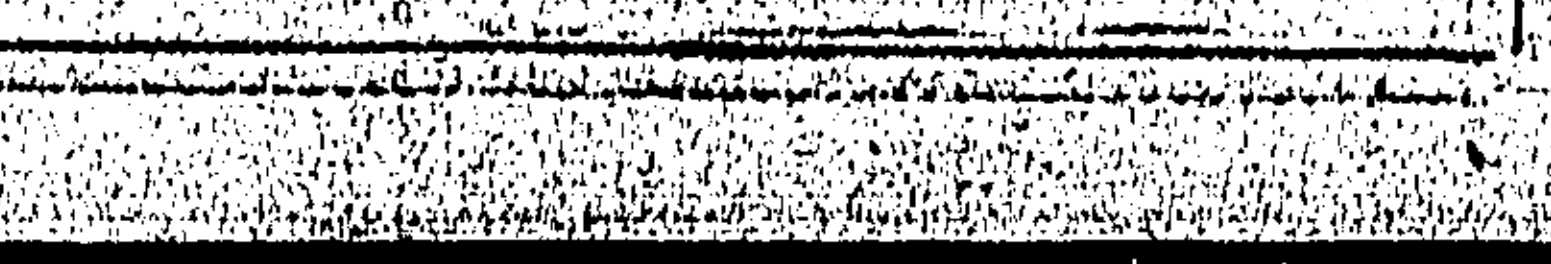
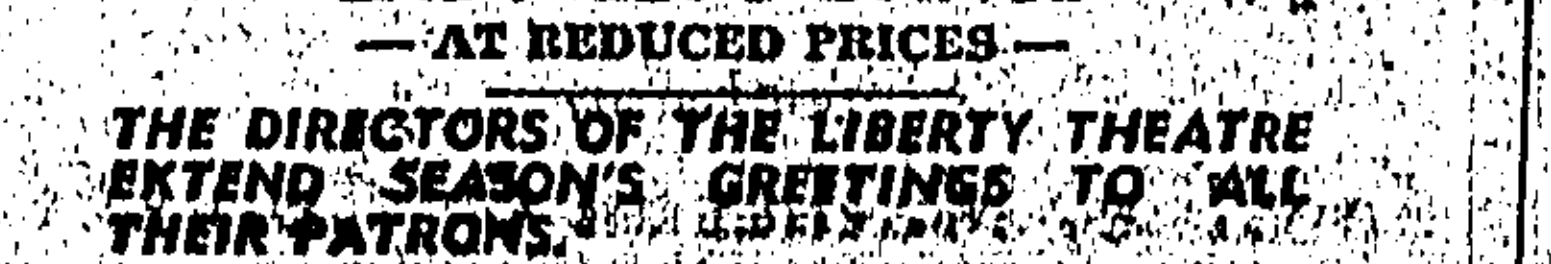
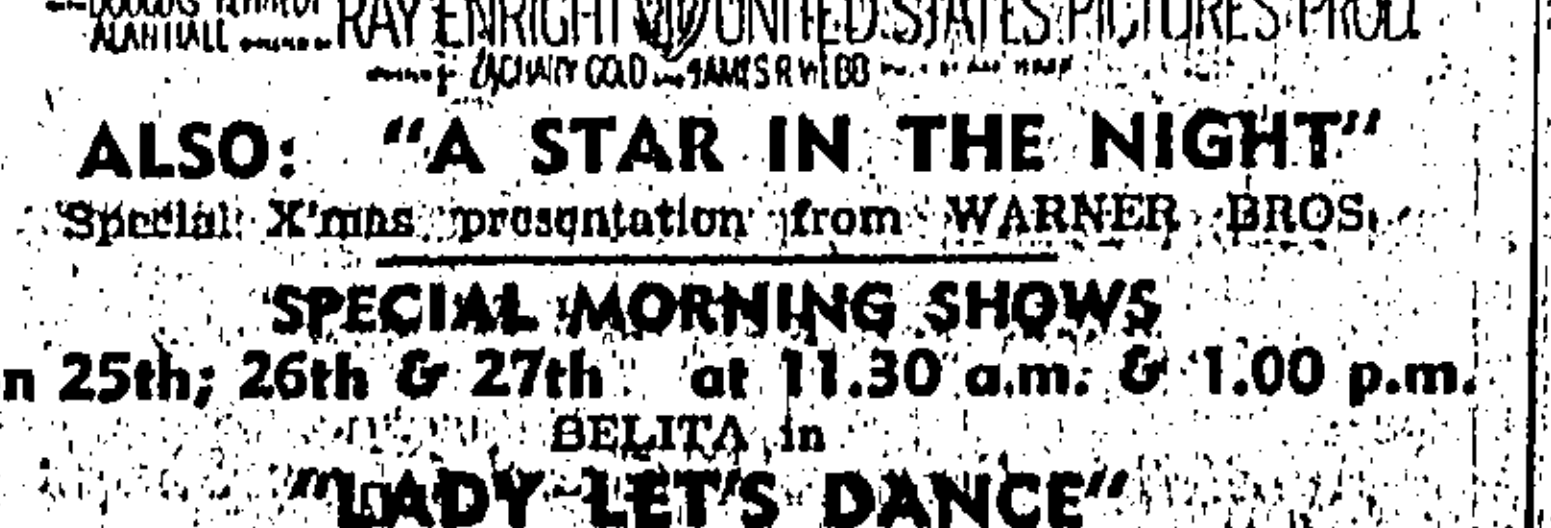
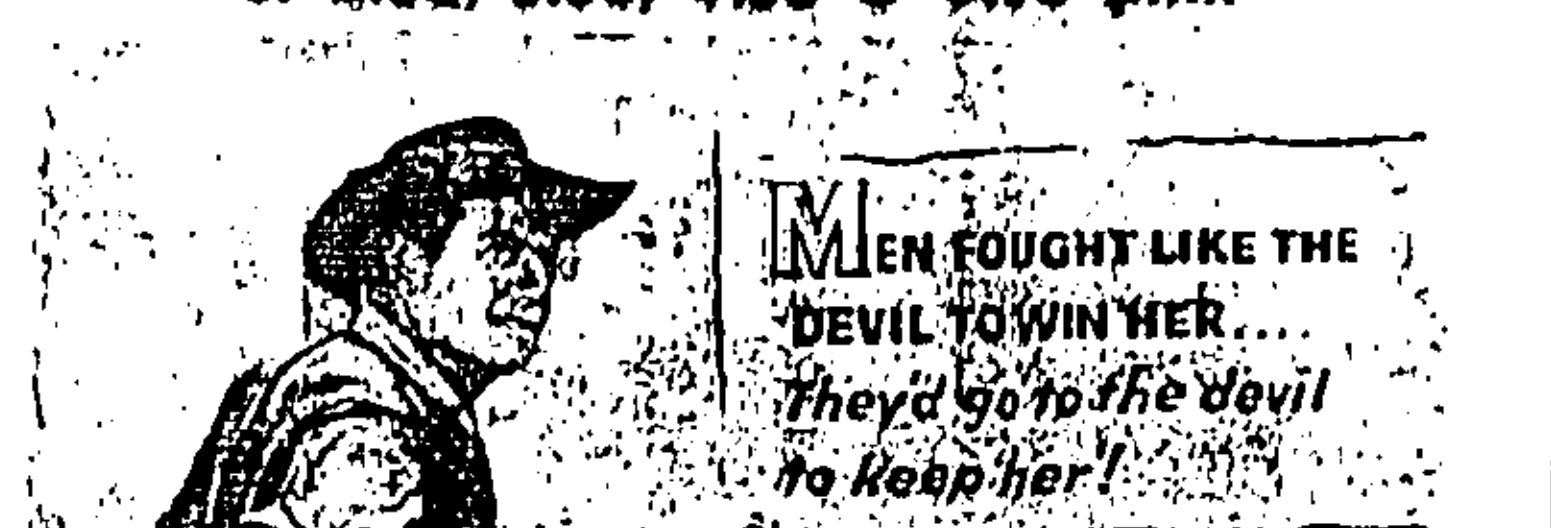
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# Patrick Campbell's Piece

What I'm going to do when I've finished my eagerly awaited biography of Sir Leslie Plummer is to write captions under pictures in children's books so that adults can read them without going mad.

My daughter, a brilliant, beautiful, and fascinating child of nine and three-quarters, has conceived a passion for literature so intense that she never lets a book out of her hand, or, indeed, out of anyone else's.

This charming, amusing, and sensitive child calls it a "book," and, for the first 40 times, I thought it was charmingly amusing, and sensitive that a brilliant, beautiful, and fascinating child of only nine and three-quarters should come so remarkably close to the correct pronunciation.

Now, when I hear "book" I throw up one arm defensively and back away, crying wildly, "No! No! Not that! I can't! Your mother..." Then we sit down and read for maybe an hour, or an hour and a half.

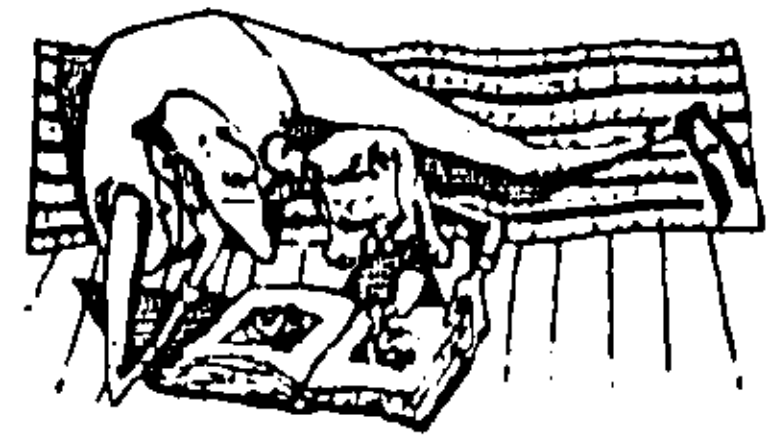
What we read is "Ennui and Frodoes." Frodoes, as I sometimes familiarly speak of it, was originally a volume of some 100 pages, illustrations, in primary colours of pig and so on. But the binding burst. In order to avoid having to pick up Frodoes page by page in the kitchen, the museum, the sitting-room, the bedroom, and the bathroom I saved Frodoes, and the remnants of another work entitled "Stories from English History" together with string. Talk that it meant only one "loop of the back."

It produced a curious continuity. You get, for instance, William the Conqueror on the little page, then two turkeys, a baron, and Magnus Charta. The book would certainly seem if it were

necessary to produce a consecutive narrative, but, fortunately, my daughter is interested only in the animals.

We slip over the Dissolution of the Monasteries, with Henry VIII on the back, and then we come to three ducks on top of a fence. They are being regarded by a hen, who is on the ground.

My daughter correctly says, "ducks," and the hen adds, "Chucka," seeing a 100 per cent success. Very quickly I try to turn the page, but she flicks it back again. "She cries, 'Gook!'"



I know what this means. It is her desire that I should explain and elaborate the situation surrounding the three ducks and the hen.

I do so in a low voice: "Well, you see, the three ducks are on top of the fence, and the hen is on the ground, and the hen is saying, 'However did you get up there?'"

This hen is absolutely true. It says so at the bottom of the page. "However did you get up there?" I cannot stand it. Hens have no curiosity about ducks. They don't mind what ducks are doing. All the ducks in the world, in fact, might be standing on the leg on top of flagpoles and no hen ever born of an egg would ever mind.

"However did you get up

there?" It's so silly. And they're nearly all like that.

A group of robins, for instance, on the edge of a pig's trough. The pig is looking at them doubtfully. The caption reads: "Whose dinner is this?"

There is no means of telling whether this interrogation comes from the pig or the robins but whichever way round you like to take it it doesn't mean a single thing.

I cannot see a pig peering with its snout an inch away from a loaf of potato peel to ask a group of a casual birds if this spread belongs to them. The pig must know its life. It's in his trough, isn't it? And can't the robins see it's in his trough? The whole lot of them are waiting their time—and mine by asking questions to which the answer is entirely obvious.

There are several other inquiries of an equally infuriating nature. Two turkeys, not looking particularly like turkeys, standing there looking at you, and asking "Aren't we fine?"

Why do they want to know? If they think they're fine, and they brought it up themselves—can't we just leave it at that? It is human nature to suppose that one is not completely uninteresting, but you don't have to have it confirmed, do you, all the time?

Maddening as these questions are, however, they fade into mild, superficial irritants in comparison with the picture which appears on the last page of "Farmyard Frodoes."

It is a picture of a small boy holding up a puppy. This child, lost to all adventure of the mind, says: "What a dear little puppy." Listen, Christopher Frodoes, we know it's your little puppy. Every human being since the be-

ginning of time has said, on seeing a young dog, "Oh, what a dear little puppy." It's a broad path, beaten flat by countless feet. Robin, can't you get off it, just for a moment? Couldn't you say "This lurcher makes me sick?"

It's a pity I have this other bit job on hand. Otherwise I might have been able, in advance, to run my eye over the children's Christmas books.

## Nail polish

I was having a bowl-shaped haircut the other day when I decided it would be nice if I could have a manicure as well.

A number of other gentlemen were enjoying this attention, and, besides looking pretty exciting, I thought it might help to pass the time. You're not supposed to read while you're being done in this establishment, because it's a work of art, and everyone has to concentrate.

I presented the proposition to my Mr. David. I always like Mr. David—and Mr. David retired to the place in the back. They probably keep the manicurists chained up here with nylon fetters. Eventually one of them was freed, and came bounding out in a pink coat, carrying an aluminium pot of hot water and various slices and scrapers.

"Good morning," I said, slipping at once into the type of risqué conversation one always has with manicurists.

"Good morning, sir," said the manicurist, and set to work. After a longish pause I said: "Is manicuring hard work?"

"Well, yes," said the manicurist, "quite hard."

"Are there," I said, having thought for nearly a minute, "any kinds of people you don't like manicuring?" Pretty thin ice. Hand-holding, and all that.

"Well, no," said the manicurist, "I don't think so, actually."

Silence. During the silence I became aware of a disturbance in the next booth. Giggles, a man talking in a low voice, and then a squeak?

I decided I'd have to do something to keep up my end. Not actually going so far as getting a squeak, but at least giving my manicurist the impression that I could slip a lady a diamond bracelet just as quick as the next.

"Do you find," I said, "that my hands are rather rough?" She looked up. "No," she said, "not really—they're not really too rough. We might have been discussing the quality of blankets."

I gave up. I sat back and listened with mounting envy to the happy prattle from next door. Another manicurist had joined the group, not wanting to miss a word of it.

I'll have to try again. But I wonder what you say?



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## What the CHINESE PRESS is saying

### Reform Club

KUNG SHEUNG MAN PO. The Hong Kong Reform Club has made a number of proposals but its influence on Government appears to be negligible. This may be due to the fact that the Club still lacks popular support from the people.

Recent suggestions put forward by the Club are similar to those proposed by us previously. For instance, free primary education is one of the things that we have been agitating for constantly.

One member of the Club has explained why Government will not be able to accept the proposal for free primary education. He said one reason is the fact that Hong Kong being a free port its population is so unstable that it will defeat any attempt to confine free primary education to the children of bona fide citizens of the Colony.

The Club has recently suggested that children who have been resident here for more than 10 years should be entitled to free primary education. This is a reasonable suggestion and should be acceptable to Government.

We hope that the Club will strive its utmost to convince members of the Legislative Council that they should fully discharge their missions as representatives of the residents here by seeing that the necessary legislation is carried out to make free primary education a reality.

We also suggest to the Club to agitate for free medical care as is now the practice in Britain. The Club appears to be assured that Government will keep its promise by holding the elections next year. However, there are yet no visible signs of any preparations in that direction. If the elections are to be carried out next year, it is time for preparations to be started.

Colony as show-case  
WAR KIU YAT PO. Hong Kong has been described as a

democratic show-case by some politicians in Britain. However long as the Colony retains its present constitution, this description is far from being correct.

A colonial type of government is no longer suitable in this era.

There is far-sightedness in the British Government's proposal for constitutional reforms for Hong Kong, but it seems that the British Government has already made up its mind regarding the matter. The process will be a gradual one. No reforms are to be expected in the immediate future.

When Government published the draft constitution for the Municipal Council, we saw that the Municipal Council proposed, at its best, will be no more than an executive organ for municipal affairs.

The need for constitutional reform is undisputed. But the type of Government the people of Hong Kong want is a Government under which they can enjoy a high degree of self rule. Nothing could be better for the security of Hong Kong than to offer the people a truly democratic Government.

The security of Hong Kong may be threatened from within or without. In the case of an external attack, if internal security could be achieved, internal unrest would lead to chaotic social conditions.

Once Hong Kong becomes a democratic show-case in fact as well as in name, every resident will value Hong Kong—and will not act against the interests of the Colony.

As Britain is a historic democratic nation, we do not think she would disregard that principle for Hong Kong is the best guarantee of her security.

### Recognition problem

KUNG SHEUNG YAT PO. It will not be long before Britain recognises the new Chinese regime.

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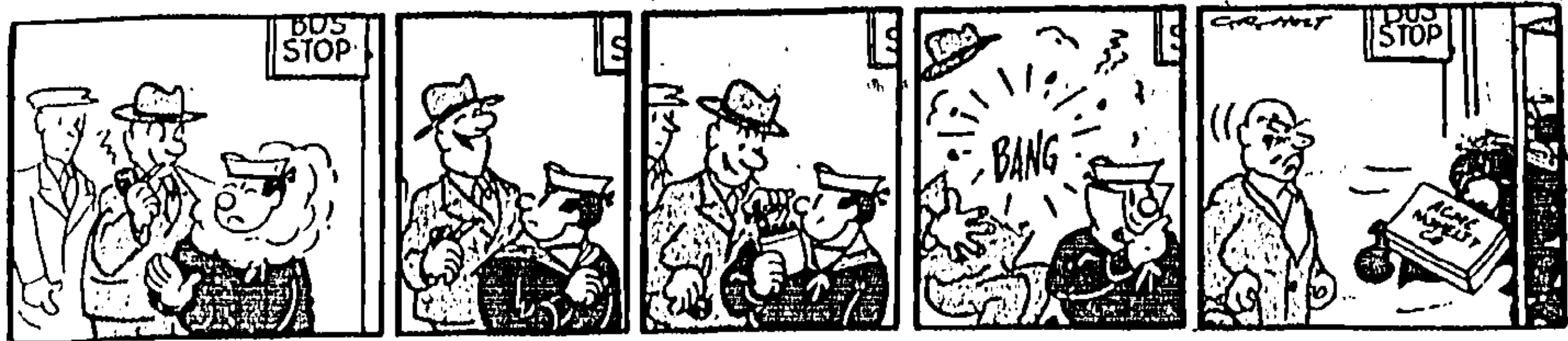
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## ABLE SEAMAN



By HOLT

# Your life and Mine

by IRIS ASHLEY

I am not claiming any clairvoyance, but natural observation has been pepped up by sitting next to a Harley-street psychologist at dinner.

His opening conversational gambit was to remark that he always wrote down his patient's age on his paper before making the inquiry.

"Right," I asked. "Generally," he said, "I find that the age of a patient is not too far from the age which many people could so easily believe."

We agreed that everybody longer to remain young and that there are indeed a few who seem to be almost untouched by the passing years.

When it is a woman this is not because she is merely coy and kittenish, if a man it's not because he is always the Life-and-Death of the Party. Don't me, no. What is it then? Personal appearance? Sometimes, incredibly so. More often it is a form of behavior.

There is a certain appeal in youth, but they are a something you can have. You, too, can shed the years and come back from the past into the present. You can, in fact, seem younger than you are, and not at the very day by making a little simple effort. By deliberately taking on again some of the more obvious traits of youth you can feel the results in a few hours. People who seem to us to remain young are the vital, effective, interested types who usually have good-humored faces.

Let's consider the undeniable signs of age. This morning I passed a woman I knew walking in the street. She did not see me. Normally she is good-looking, once she was beautiful.

As she walked her face was set in angry lines, her lips even moved slightly. She isn't more than 45, but she looked every second of it—and more.

Clearly she was preparing to give somebody a piece of her mind, and she hadn't stopped to wonder if she could spare the piece of her face that went along with the expression of so much ill-humour. She looked a crabby old thing.



Preparing to give somebody a piece of her mind.

On the mental side of behaviour youth is optimist but age is prejudiced.

A young man argues hotly for his beliefs, but he listens to what the other fellow has to say. An old man says that all who oppose his tastes and political opinions are blind fools.

Why not try remembering Voltaire, who said, "I do not agree with a word you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it," which is a younger attitude of mind.

Do you drum aimlessly with your fingers when you are supposed to be sitting relaxed? Do you fiddle with knives and forks on the table before you and move things senselessly around? Don't do that—it's practically senile.

Mum! It is no use prettying up your face, slapping your body into shape, elegantly coiffing your hair, and spending money on smart clothes—if you are going to sit down with your feet like table legs and your knees 2ft apart. Sitting like that, you look a million (years not dollars). A young girl may fling herself around, but she never "sits square". Keep your knees together, slant your legs, and tuck one ankle behind the other—that's better!

How do you rise from sitting? Do you push on your knee, or the arm of the chair? You'll look years younger if you just bring your feet in under you and straighten up without any apparent effort.

Now, how do you walk? It is a sign of age to turn your toes out and walk as if there were a ruler keeping your ankles apart. Walk with your shoulders back, your chin up, and, keeping your feet straight, move from the hips. You'll be surprised how different this whole attitude will make you feel.

Also, if you are standing around keep your feet together. One can be slightly in front of the other if you like, but youth seldom "stands at ease". It is very ageing indeed to have acquired tedious little habits like scratching your head, or sitting the fingers of one hand carefully against those of the other; old people have a way of doing that, and it is usually a habit they've caught from playing for time in conversation.

Beware of "umming" and "er-er-ing" when telling a story—it is denoting to the listener and makes you seem a thousand! Talking of habits, many people today have slipped into an attitude of dreary pessimism. Not the young—you can't help feeling hopeful and radiating energy, and often gaiety. So obviously a cheerful person seems more youthful. It's the old fogies (and they can be anything from 25 to 75) whose mouths turn down at the corners, and when you ask them how they are—so help us, they tell you!

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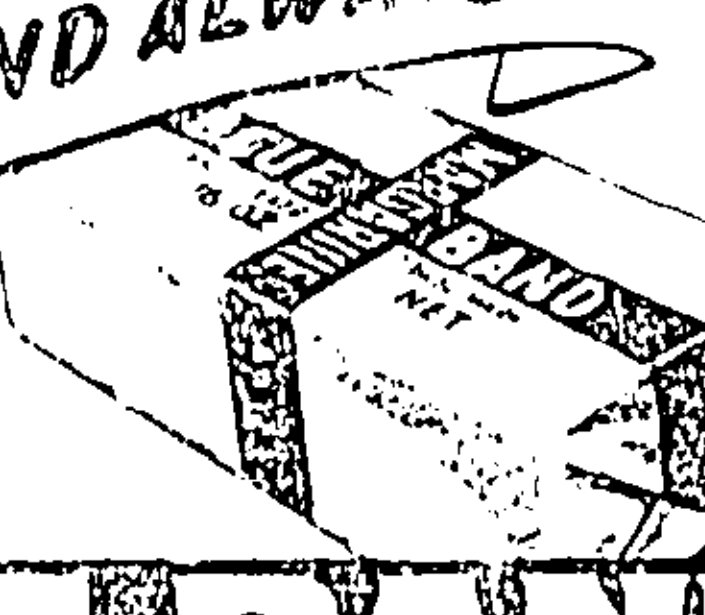
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## Life among the nudists---No. 2

# Britain has largest proportion of nudists in the world

By a special investigator

It is an astonishing fact that there is hardly a spot within the British Isles which has not a nudist club within easy travelling distance.

It is true that the clubs vary considerably in the extent of their membership, their conditions of entry, their stated objects, and the amenities they provide. There are clubs with hundreds of members, and little groups of 20.

Some own acres of beautiful parkland, others must content themselves with unimpressive sites hemmed in by artificial screens. Some have elaborately appointed clubhouses, others have comfortable hotels attached to their extensive grounds. Some are rich, others—most of them, I would say—are poor. A few are run for profit. Most of them are non-profit-making concerns, financed and run for the exclusive enjoyment of their members.

Started in Germany. Whatever their variations, the mere existence of 90 nudist clubs in this country is extraordinary. For these reasons, accepting 50,000 as a fair estimate of Britain's nudist following (this being the average of the estimates given to me by nudists who have been in the movement since its earliest beginnings), it means, in effect, that we have the largest proportion of nudists, compared with the total population, in the world.

How did nudism take root in Britain? Let us first of all define a nudist. They don't all agree with each other, but to the general public a nudist is somebody who is not ashamed or embarrassed at being naked in the company of others who think the same, irrespective of their sex or age. That isn't all of their belief, by any means, but it is a starting point, a fundamental.

The nudist movement is less than 50 years old, including all the countries of the world. It started in Germany a few years before the first world war, with small groups of people, and after the war began to grow in strength. It spread to Austria and Switzerland, though its following there was small.

There was a Naked Truth Society in Britain in 1882, but its advocacy of nudism was theoretical; it was of its small band of followers practised what they preached, they did so surreptitiously.

**The first camp**  
After the first world war news of the German nudist movement reached into England, and scattered handfuls of British people began to practise nudism in secret. Among them was the late Mr. H. C. Booth, a Civil Servant, who founded a small camp—the first organised nudist camp in

Britain—near St. Albans. Individual members later broke away and started clubs of their own.

In the early days nudists faced opposition from local authorities, the hostility of the majority of people, the castigation of the clergy, and the loss of their jobs if their practice of nudism became known at work.

There were, prior to the outbreak of the second world war, hardly more than 30 nudist clubs in Britain, of which fewer than a dozen had a membership of more than 20. There are no exact figures for this period, as each club operated independently and no central organisation represented their interests.

In 1923 12 of the leading nudist club got together and formed the British Sun Bathing Association. Today 46 clubs are affiliated to this association—nearly four times the original number. Some of them, such as the South Hants Sun Club, which has 150 members, did not even start until 1945. The British Sun Bathing Association has its offices in a single room in Horley, Surrey. Its officials, including Mrs. Sylvia Bassam, the general secretary, are unpaid. It is the largest nudist organisation in the world and aims to serve the interests of "all British naturists."

A "naturist" is defined as someone who "believes there cannot be shame in the human body... holds that sun and air are essential to full health... believes and practices a non-segregated or social nudism in games, swimming, and outdoor sports generally."

The association "does not advocate, condone, nor acquiesce in the transgression of the laws of property, but always use its influence to bring those laws into line with modern thought."

The governing body of the association is the annual general meeting, attended by representatives of all its affiliated clubs. Routine administration is directed by an administrative committee of about a dozen members, including the general secretary, Mrs. Bassam, Arthur Hodgson, the overseas secretary, and the London regional subscriber's secretary, Gordon Vigney.

**To beat prejudice**

The overseas secretary maintains contact with foreign nudist organisations, helps visiting foreigners to visit clubs in Britain, and advises British nudists which clubs they may visit when abroad.

The country is divided up into three zones—the North, South, and London regions. The associations other objects are, to give legal advice where necessary, break down public prejudice against nudism, encourage the formation of new clubs and groups, form a clearing-house of information on nudism, facilitate interchange between affiliated societies and their members, and seek the opening up of parts of National Trust lands and public swimming pools for the purpose of naked swimming and sunbathing.

The association has no powers of supervision over its affiliated clubs, each of which is completely independent and self-governing.

They have this in common, that their members believe in taking off their clothes. Otherwise there is considerable variation in their rules.

Most members of the association, however, insist on vetting applicants carefully before admitting to membership. Most clubs in the BSBA are non-profit making, subsisting on modest subscriptions ranging from 5s. to two guineas a year.

There are a few "naturalist hotels" with extensive grounds attached, differing from ordinary nudist camps only in the sense that nudists sleep in a hotel instead of a spartan "chalet." They close for the winter, and during fine weather most of the time is spent out of doors, in swimming and games. There is one such hotel in the Isle of Wight, two in Devonshire, one near Gloucester, and another in Scotland.

Membership of the BSBA, which costs from 5s. a year upwards, does not entitle the member to enter a nudist club. He must apply to the club of his choice and conform to their rules of admission.

**A special badge**

It is fair to say that membership is not easy to obtain. It usually involves an interview before the club committee and the submission of a detailed questionnaire. The North Kent Sun Club, for instance, has three foolscap pages of conditions. One states that "vacancies for unaccompanied men seldom occur. The North Kent cannot accept that any man with the courage of his convictions is unable to invite a lady to join a sun club with him even though he is not married or engaged."

The Haslemere Sun Club asks for the written approval of the husband or wife when only one of a married couple wishes to join. Unaccompanied minors under 18 years must obtain their parents' consent, and all children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

Members of the BSBA who have been admitted to membership of a nudist club are given the BSBA badge—a chromium-plated bear, by which nudists recognise each other.

Besides the 46 clubs affiliated to the British Sun Bathing Association, there are 44 clubs and groups which are not. This doesn't imply that they are less particular in admitting members than those within the BSBA.

**Few single women**

In general, more men than women are attracted to nudism in this country, and in most camps in Britain men outnumber women in the proportion of three to one. In the camps I have seen there has been a considerable proportion of over-40's and very few single women. Nudist leaders agree that single women are not attracted to nudism.

In their literature, not a trace of levity is introduced. "Never a laugh from cover to cover" would sum up the average nudist brochure. The naked body is invested with an almost oppressive solemnity. It underlines their caution. In their anxiety not to be misunderstood by, or give offence to, a public that knows little about them, they take themselves seriously—perhaps too seriously.

**Still they head-hunt**

By G. D. K. McCORMICK

A Commission of Inquiry, appointed by the British Government to probe the Nigerian riots, has gone to Lagos.

The promises with which the Commission has been sent out has impressed and even pleased some of the population, however, say on-the-spot reports.

It is a tragedy that Nigeria should be racked with discord just when a new constitution offer has been made. 40 the Colony and despite the real progress in economic development which has been made since the war.

In industry and agriculture Nigeria has the chance to forge ahead. Two factors have helped towards this—the American strategic stockpiling programme and the policy of intensive colonial development.

Coal production has been stepped-up and this makes the "go-slow" tactics and strikes of Enugu, trouble, centre where 18 miners were killed, all the more unfortunate.

**Disunited**

Nigerian politics present a disunited front which further complicates the present troubles.

There are extremists who want to grasp at the chance offered Nigerians in the new constitution proposals.

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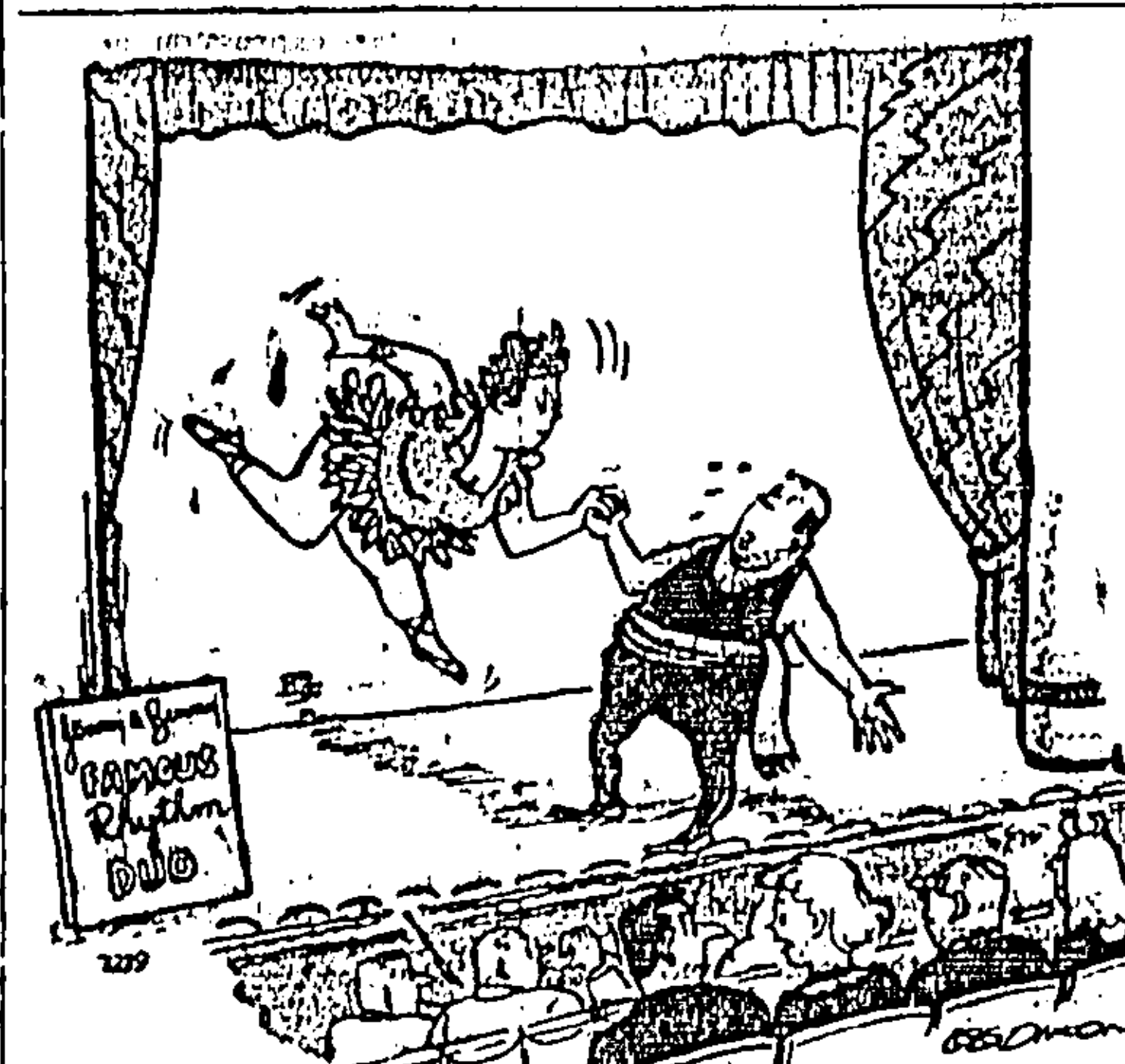
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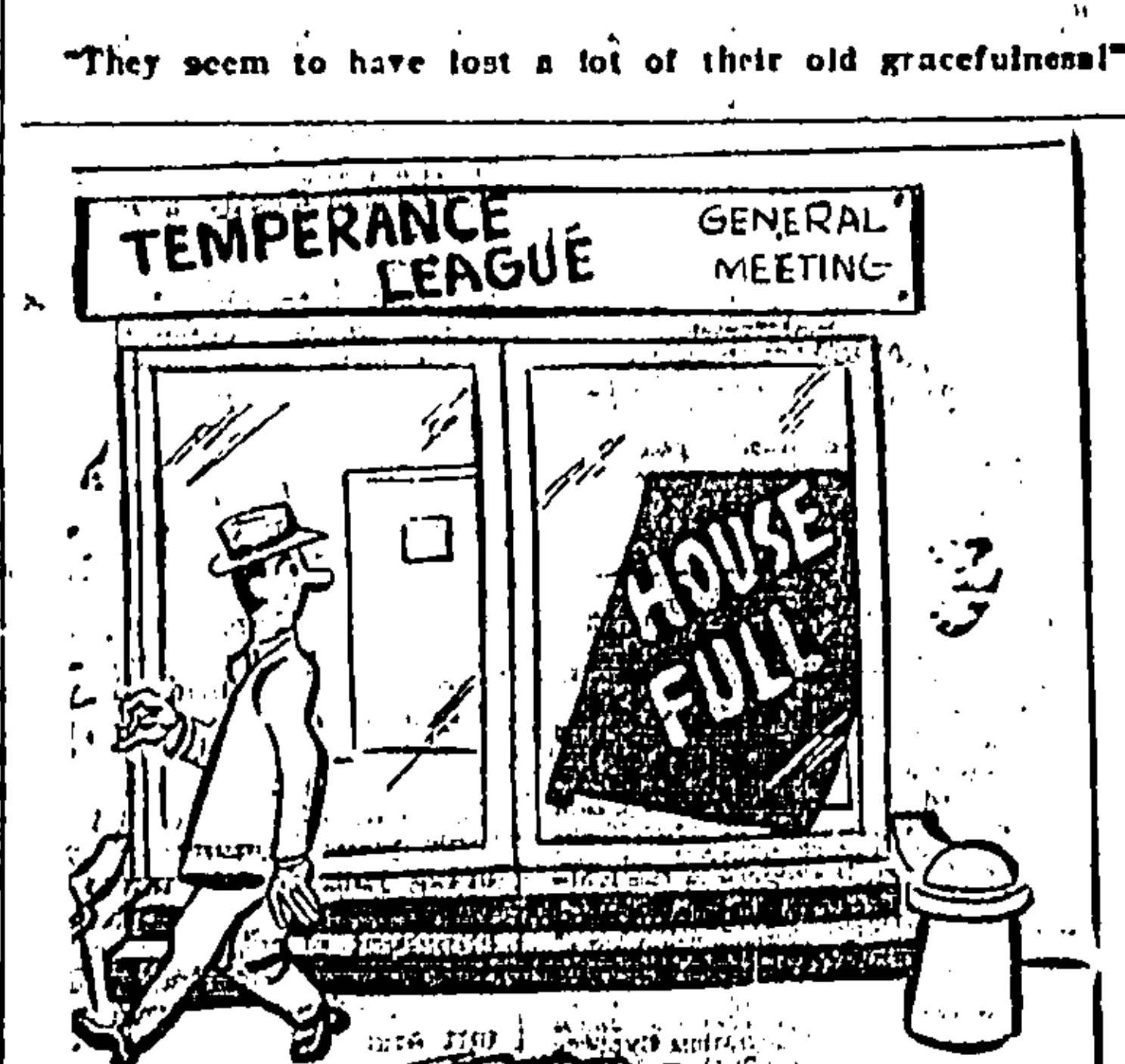
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## An American at the University.

Being the only American at the University of Hong Kong is a thrilling experience for Miss Mary Lou Magner.

She is here because her father, Mr. Robert Magner, accepted an appointment with a locally-based British aircraft maintenance firm. Blonde and pretty, Miss Magner has not allowed the distractions of Hong Kong to interfere with her studies. Her insistence on absorbing at least a basic knowledge of Russian, German, French and Spanish shows that youth is not all glamour.

At 20, Miss Magner has travelled some that half way around the world. She has found contact with different peoples and alien cultures a fascinating experience. "I never knew," Miss Magner says, "how different and how alien the world is."

She desires, herself, as a Philanthropist, to help the needy. She began her high school at the University of Miami and hopes to return there when the family goes back to the United States.

It is not to be expected, and under no circumstances, that Miss Magner will become a social, cultural and political philosopher of other people.

Miss Magner is taking an active interest in the social affairs of the colony. She is a member of the Hong Kong University Students' Association and the Young Women's Christian Association. She is also a member of the United States Club.

## A Stage personality

The Hong Kong Stage Club, founded in 1946, has a long and distinguished record in the theatre. It is the only club of its kind in the colony and has a large following.

Since it began in 1946, many personalities have come and gone. Miss Magner, however, has remained. She is a member of the club and has been active in its work.

But one of the club's most successful members has been Miss Magner. She has been active in its work and has been a great help to the club.

Miss Magner, first joined the club in 1947, shortly after she arrived in Hong Kong. Her first appearance on the local stage was in the play "The Nightingale".

She has since appeared in many other plays and has been a great success in all of them. She is a true stage personality.

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# PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

By The SCRIBE

was in George Bernard Shaw's satire "Heartbreak House," in which she played Lady Utterworth.

One of the 'Stage Club's main attractions, Mrs. Coombes, has starred in three of the club's most successful presentations—Noel Coward's "Present Laughter" (in the days when the name of Billy Waters was to the Club).



MRS. PHILIPPA COOMBES

## Portrait of a photographer

A well-thrilled, graceful as a faun, and as aristocratic as a figure in a Peking painting—that is Mr. Francis Wu, the well-known photographer.

Mr. Wu, an overseas Chinese, combines business and pleasure in a profitable undertaking known as Francis Wu's Studio. But his life is really devoted to the promotion of photography.

At the age of nine he became interested in the box camera and was amused at the "white-you-wait" photographs he took in pictures in public parks. His first trial in photography was to take snaps of his brothers and sisters. The idea of recorded photography, however, did not arouse his interest, ambition for pictorial work stirred within him.

One of his early experiences which he never forgets is the impulse which drove him to exclaim: "I am also not in communication with God, but you had better not say." The captain did as he was told and a typhoon arose during the night.

When the Japanese entered Shanghai in 1941 one of the first things that did was to send him to tell Father Gherzi that his work must cease for the duration. The Reverend Father at once stopped publishing his findings. Then they wanted to occupy the Observatory and remove some of the instruments.

Father Gherzi had some of them under his bed when the truck came to take them away. He professed to know nothing of what they were talking about when the Japanese expostulated. Finally they settled for a drink and Father Gherzi brought out his best French vintage. Two hours later the Japanese drove away in a gay mood, and the instruments were saved.

MR. FRANCIS WU

Mr. Wu learned photography by the hit and miss method, by books and experimentation. During his many years in China he travelled, studied, and experimented a great deal on photography in connection with Chinese art.

Mr. Wu has just been nominated by the Photographic Society of America as their representative in China and Hong Kong.

## He scans the stars

Charming manners patterned after the best French style, an attitude of grave concern, and a great amount of diplomacy and tact saved Shanghai's Zikawei Observatory from despoliation by the Japanese during the Pacific War.

The man responsible for this feat, the Reverend Father Gherzi, is at present in Hong Kong. He is here mainly by force of circumstance, as his spirit has gone in advance of him back to Shanghai where, within the compass of five acres of buildings and grounds, the work of a lifetime is in danger of falling into decay.

Tall, lean, and scholarly, Father Gherzi is a distinguished

French Jesuit of the old school. Despite more than 20 years spent in China, he has lost none of the rolling French accent which once delighted the Imperial court in Peking, then seriously bent on importing only the best in Oxford accents.



THE REVEREND GHERZI

An astrologer of renown in the Far East and Europe, Father Gherzi has been decorated by the governments of China, Great Britain, France and the United States.

The Royal Observatory in Hong Kong was built in response to his request for collaboration on China Seas weather forecasting for the benefit of coastal mariners. The story is told of an old sea captain who wrote to Father Gherzi one day: "I want to put out tomorrow. As I am not in communication with God, I am asking you, Ought I to sail?"

To which the Reverend Father replied: "I am also not in communication with God, but you had better not sail." The captain did as he was told and a typhoon arose during the night.

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## A dream come true

Mrs. Al Richardson is a lady with a dream come true, because her husband belongs to the small circle of gifted men who are able to tell their wives after a request has been made for the moon: "Well, my dear, all right. I'll buy it for you tomorrow."

Seven months ago Mrs. Al Richardson, sequestered in New York newspapers in their "Keweenaw" apartment, suddenly drew her husband's attention to an advertisement about Coney Island, saying regretfully: "Why don't we have a Coney Island right here? I wish you'd do something about it. Al, build one for me."

Mr. Richardson wasn't exactly joking when he answered: "It's a tall order, but I'll see what I can do."

He wasn't exactly joking. Because years before, in 1939, he had discussed prospects of a fair for Hong Kong in prolonged conversations with another

dreamer, Mr. Charles Gray. At that time they had both decided that the Colony's economy could bear the cost of a miniature Coney Island, but the war came and the dream was shelved.

Mrs. Richardson's request, however, revived the idea and Mr. Richardson was so disturbed by it that he called in Mr. Gray and together they covered the whole groundwork again. Architects were called in, promoters, ship-pers, Government land assessors, artists, carpenters, masons, and gangs of coolies.

When the cost had been worked out to the last detail, the two men were astounded. It would cost nearly HK\$7,000,000 to realize Mrs. Richardson's request. The husband was "on the spot." Apart from his wife, wouldn't the whole town consider a person mad who would invest \$7,000,000 on a project of this sort at a time like this?

Mr. Richardson and Mr. Gray decided, nevertheless, that they'd go through with it. Why? one prospective Chinese partner in the project asked them. Why plunge \$7,000,000 in such a purely speculative venture?

"Because," Mr. Richardson told him, "I have faith in Hong Kong. China can fall to pieces, but I think Hong Kong will survive. I am going to take the gamble."

And he did. And last week Luna Park was open to the public. Within five acres of land, which six months ago was a Government waste lot, a "child's dream of wonderland" has been erected. Thousands of coloured lights, hundreds of palms and hanging blooms, circus music, and two dozen palm trees and peanut stalls radiate an atmosphere of Britain's Blackpool and America's Coney Island.

On the first afternoon 26,000 people thronged the grounds. Thired with his labours, with his optimism now fortified by his extraordinarily satisfying first



MR. AL RICHARDSON

results, Mr. Richardson told me yesterday: "The spirit of Hong Kong is wonderful. It's an invincible spirit. You'll see, we'll make a profit yet."

## Here and there

A note from the R. N. Hospital Nursing Sisters corrects an error in my page last week. Mrs. B. Hall is the V.A.D. Commandant responsible for the V.A.D.'s welfare, not the matron of the Hospital.

Major William Saunders, United States Army Liaison Officer in Hong Kong, was entertained last week at the Correspondents Club by Mr. and Mrs. Art Goul, of the United Press.

More than 70 members of the United States Navy in Hong

Kong were entertained at a musical party at the Cafe Wiseman last Thursday. The occasion was a Christmas get-together, and merry-making lasted until the early hours of the morning after.

Mr. Christopher Rand, noted American journalist and writer, who has just returned from a trip to Sikkim, has completed a lengthy manuscript on the characteristics of this Sino-Tibetan province.

Mr. Rand is leaving this week for a 10-day stay in Taiwan.

The Right Reverend Michael Yashiro, the Archbishop of Japan, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday from Calcutta on his way home from the Lambeth Conference.

The Right Reverend Yashiro stayed at the Dean's House while in Hong Kong and visited Japanese war criminals at Stanley to impart a message of Christian cheer.

## Still they head-hunt

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## Vital tin

Besides the drive to step up coal production, Nigerian tin is listed high in the lengthy dossier of requirements of the USA's Strategic Supply Bureau's stockpiling programme.

The idea is that European Powers having colonies should reciprocate Marshall Aid by increasing their export to America of vital stockpiling commodities.

Nigeria is a fantastic country with some even more fantastic customs. Industry still only touches its fringes, and provides an incongruous side-scene to a backdrop of tribal life and rule by chieftainship under the benevolent direction of British Resident Officers.

In Ibad, the Nups capital, I once received what must surely be the strangest form of salutation in the world. People press you without seeming to notice. But, if you turn round, you will be treated to a view of half the population of the city on all fours.

It is an old Nigerian custom of greeting. If you are a friend they will repeat the salutation 10 times.

## 'Leopard men'

Witchcraft, headhunters who refuse to collect taxes but collect human heads instead, and an occasional outburst of "leopard men" murders—these are phenomena which are always likely to come and try the life of our District Officers and police chiefs in Nigeria.

The "leopard men"—criminals who dress in leopard skins and prow the countryside in search of victims whom they kill with leopards' claws attached to their hands—are still the bogey men of Nigeria.

For two years they have been quiet. But the very mention of their name strikes terror into the natives' hearts—far greater terror than that inspired by our much maligned policemen forest into action in the riots.

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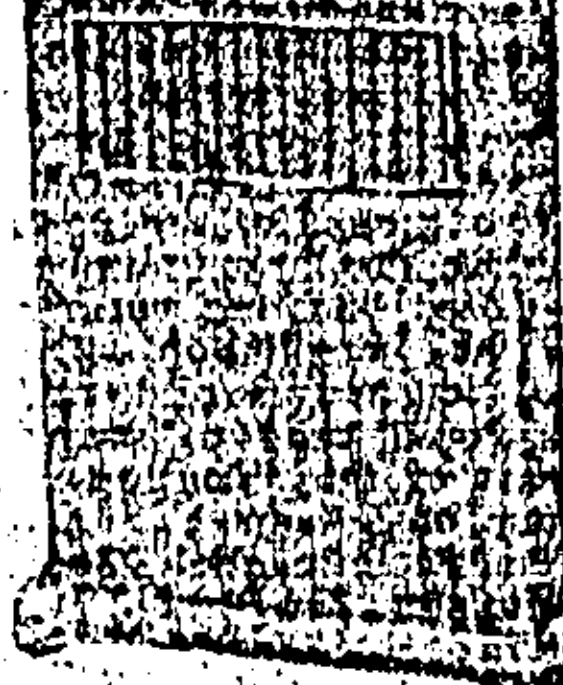
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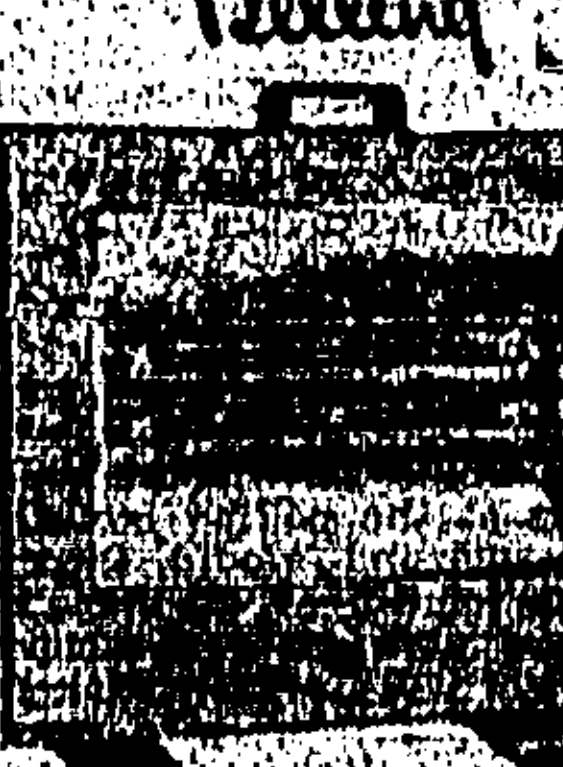
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### THE SACRED MESSAGE.

Hong Kong has its own pet grumbles, but there are not many places in Asia or Europe which greet this great Festival of Christendom with more obvious signs of material if not spiritual bounty. There are aches and pains, and anxieties and stresses, but there is a lot to be thankful for. Old residents have only to think back four or five years, many of the new ones still less, to realise this. And if the right yardstick is employed, what is true of Hong Kong is true of this world as a whole, for great and good things are happening below all the froth and fury of the cold war.

The old world of city States gave place to the nation States. Their path to this slow evolution was grim and bloody, for men have been longer at war than at peace throughout history. Now the nation-States are being submerged, and their inter-inevitable wars with them we hope, in far larger groupings. There is still, alas, the Great Divide and two worlds instead of one. But the lesser divides are going fast. Look at Western Europe, for so long the cockpit of the world! Unity is being fashioned out of the debris of the war-ridden past, and by consent. In Eastern Europe it is being imposed by the most intimate forms of compulsion, doomed sooner or later to fail, but perhaps creating a foundation for the more durable unity that comes only from a sense of conviction in the hearts of men.

There is a still greater thing: one thinks of it in terms of a miracle. It is the emergence of the United States from its long and stubborn isolation into a generous and forthright leader in larger unities—and always on the basis of those human and national freedoms for which it stood from birth and on which the present British Commonwealth stands today more than ever.

These principles, confirmed in the past few years by some of the greatest acts of State ever known in the history of mankind, contrast with a vividness none can deny with the totalitarian principles of tyranny which are set against them. This is no question of a little less or a little more. They are forces of action opposed through the ages, but never on so grandiose a scale as now. And in this matter we know beyond peradventure that we are right—right in the political principles them-

# THE PROBLEM KING

King Leopold III. of the Belgians seems likely to return to his throne after a prolonged absence. This stage has been reached after a protracted series of negotiations which have enhanced nobody's credit.

The Belgian Parliament will authorise a Gallup poll of the Belgian people, and the King has agreed to abdicate unless he gets 55 per cent of the votes. He was well able to make that concession for he and his advisers feel sure of getting more.

The Socialists think that the figure would be 60 per cent. The difference between them and the Right, therefore, turns on some 11 per cent and the King looks like emerging successfully from the transaction. This haggling is not satisfactory to a number of Belgians, or for that matter, of their neighbours. Feeling runs so high in Belgium that the future of the country may be adversely even dangerously affected.

Such a misfortune would deal a blow to the efforts of Western Europe, where we all come into an otherwise domestic issue. We had, therefore, better all realise what this contention is about.

Leopold III. as a young man had talents and good looks. He was the son of a revered father, Albert I, his first wife was nationally beloved. His touch, however, was sometimes haughty and aloof, and some Belgians considered it too authoritative for a truly constitutional monarch. So the eminent young man was much discussed, and when that happens to anyone in this world the discussion is never uniformly favourable.

To some of us outsiders also he seemed to play an increasing part in the formation of Belgian policy. He must, therefore, share in our eyes, the responsibility for taking Belgium out of the Western front in the mid-thirties. In consequence, when the war came the British and French armies went blithely into Belgium, without adequate military co-ordination. The end of this was Dunkirk for us, defeat and occupation for France and Belgium. The responsibility is a considerable one. Yet, fair, Leopold and his Government had some ground for their lack of foresight.

They realised that Britain and France were both weak and failing to reform. They thought that the vacillating Western democracies, when the war came, would not be able to stand up to the might of Hitler and his Government.

In this they were not much more to blame than other people, who still trusted to the fading

possibilities of abstention in the teeth of totalitarian aggressors. Norway, Denmark the Netherlands all learned their lesson bitterly. Sweden and Switzerland, with a few exceptions, have not. Neutrality is becoming a thing of the past.

### A sad story

Thus, when I hear much argument about Leopold's share in the Belgian surrender to Germany in

By Lord Vansittart

1940, I reflect that the origins can be traced further back.

Again we must be fair. There are several views of the sad story of 1940. Leopold has one of his own, and not a bad one either. Though it is unfavourable to us, it is not unfavourable to him.

The real point, however, resides not in any counter-charge of culpability but in the fact that a large fraction of Leopold's subjects have taken, rightly or wrongly, an unfavourable view of his conduct.

To this must be added that, his first wife having been killed in an accident in 1935, he contracted—with a commoner—a second marriage which failed to enjoy the popularity of the first. His royal congratulations did not add any general enthusiasm.

It must be added again that, quite apart from the military surrender—Leopold refused to follow the Belgian Government into exile; indeed, he advised against its formation. For his own part he preferred to remain in his palace at Laeken.

Leopold undoubtedly believed that he could thus best shield his subjects from the worst effects of the German occupation. In that he was probably mistaken; for the occupation was hell, any way it seems, however, that he was sceptical of any prospect of liberation, and tried to "make the best of a bad job."

The charges of weakness levelled against him by the Belgian Left seem exaggerated. On the other hand, it is not impossible that he was content with the Regency of Prince Charles until the help-appeal, Prince Baudouin, could take over. But politics have entered in, and with them—as usual—bitter-

### People divided

Left to themselves, three-quarters of the Belgian people might perhaps not feel strongly one way or the other. They prefer a king, and if it could not be Leopold—they would be content with the Regency of Prince Charles until the help-appeal, Prince Baudouin, could take over. But politics have entered in, and with them—as usual—bitter-

# THE GENERAL ELECTION ISSUE

By E.C. Sasnow

British people feel after five years of Labour Government, and after experiencing the benefits and hardships of the Welfare State.

For the first time the people will be able to vote either Labour or Conservative with the full knowledge of what to expect from either Government.

### Advantages and sacrifices

The coming General Election will give the voters the opportunity to say whether they think that the advantages justify the sacrifices exacted by a Welfare State.

Between now and the election date the two opposing political parties—Labour and Conservative—will mobilise all their resources and conduct a ruthless election campaign, which, in the main issues and give unexpected results. All parties are ready for battle, and in most cases it will be a straight fight between Labour and Conservative, for neither the Liberal Party nor the Communists will

thing less than harmony and balance between all three elements.

So great building goes on in spite of the omnipresent cold war. Christmas will not see any great change in that respect. But it is a season at which we see the well-known human race at its highest and best—kindly, thoughtful of others rather than of self, happy in the giving and receiving of gifts, in family reunions—and in inescapable remembrance of the sacred Birth.

"Peace and Goodwill." The eternal Message comes down to us through the ages with greater force than ever in this riven world. But if it still fails of universal validity in reality, it is being practiced in many vital ways in larger range than ever before.

Many are the Messages of the Master. There is one which should be kept in mind in Hong Kong at this time of threatened strike. "Inasmuch as ye have done it to one of the least of my brethren, ye have done it unto Me." To all our readers, a Merry

# COLONIAL PROBLEMS

By Lord Milverton

A very welcome firmness of purpose was shown in the declaration by the Minister of State to resist interference by the United Nations with our own Colonies, where British suzerainty is unqualified and not open to challenge, and to limit intervention in the affairs of Mandated Territories strictly to the terms of the Mandate.

Any suggestion that our voluntary offer to supply certain information on economic, educational and social conditions in our own Colonial dependencies should be expanded to cover a right to meddle in their affairs, and to have information concerning their political and constitutional development, would clearly be intolerable.

Even in relation to the Mandated Territories, our responsibility for their administration and our right to accept or reject advice are not open to question.

Divided responsibility for administration inevitably leads to chaos and incompetence. Nothing could be less in the interests of the dependent peoples.

If one reflects on the difficulty of creating an intelligent and informed public opinion, even in England, and even after long generations of experience in Colonial administration, the likelihood of outside international interference being anything but vexatious and harassing is remote.

### Out of balance

The progress of the Colonial Powers towards an enlightened policy of partnership with dependent peoples in their journey towards self-government has been based on mutual understanding and a growing appreciation of their economic possibilities and their personal capacity. In my own opinion the stress which has been laid upon political and constitutional advance has been and still is so heavy as to throw the machine out of balance.

The governing factor is pace. No one with practical experience of Colonial administration would be likely to deny that the present pace of political advance towards a mere facade of self-government has outstripped the necessary economic and educational advance, without which the political structure becomes a hollow sham.

Where are the engineers and doctors and agriculturists, the veterinary officers, the education officers, the nurses and so on all through the professions—the qualified professional men and women without whom the whole burden of maintaining a modern state must still fall upon imported European officers?

To talk of self-government without such a background of trained men is sheer political clap-net. What is the use of pretending that political and constitutional changes can produce the enterprise and integrity needed for administrative and business responsibility?

After years and years of Commissions and discussions about it and about, at last some progress is being made with educational facilities and some conclusions have been reached about the right sort of education. Suitable stress is now being laid upon facilities for technical education, but for many years to come educational facilities will not be equal to the need.

The old idea that the aim of education is to discover those who have the capacity for leadership and to train that capacity for the

benefit of society is being overshadowed by a realization of the urgent need for character training, the need also to produce citizens with a sense of responsibility towards themselves, their leaders and their country.

### Lack of confidence

But again there is no immediate prospect of most of the Colonies ever being able to afford the social services they are now being taught to expect as of right. Under the auspices of the Socialist Government the vague idea is being encouraged that in some mysterious way Colonial peoples have in the past been defrauded of their right to services they have never possessed, have never been able to afford and are never likely to be able to afford on the scale now envisaged.

In my view there are two underlying reasons why the feeling of insecurity and uncertainty pervades the Colonial Empire. It is easy to say that the cause is the complete lack of confidence in the present Government, on the part both of Europeans and of the people of the different countries. One must seek the basis of the lack of confidence. It is twofold.

First, most of the members of the present Cabinet probably do not wholeheartedly believe in our Colonial mission. It is doubtful whether they have a true conception of the vital importance of the Colonial Empire, nor have they any pride in its record.

They are the prisoners of their own past, during which they have felt that there was something shameful in the record. Hence the half-hearted apologetic attitude towards foreign critics and indeed towards claimant nationalist organisations in the Colonies, and the weak, irresolute amiability which has stood proxy for leadership and control.

Secondly, there is ignorance—the militant, self-opinionated, arrogant ignorance of men with set, preconceived ideas. There has always been ignorance of Colonial affairs in Britain, both in the Cabinet and out of it, but in earlier days it was quiescent and a Secretary of State for the Colonies who was interested in his job could manage it without undue interference. That is not so today, when the measure of a man's ignorance is the measure of his claim to be heard.

For instance, Whitehall has tried to push British trade unionism on the Chinese of Malaya, who have centuries of experience about such unions and their possible use for political, social and economic pressure, and on the Africans of West Africa, who have not yet any appreciation of the corporate spirit and industrial purpose of trade unionism.

The past four years have been the heyday of the doctrine. The imposition of ideas from this country upon countries not ripe for them has increased the ferment arising from the economic and political aftermath of a second world war.

Let me urge again that what we need is confident leadership—at home and abroad. The principles of Colonial policy enunciated by the Government are common ground for all parties, but they require firm and sympathetic application. The firmness is lacking.

A popular song today relates to a girl who can't say "No." Whether it be an individual or a Government, the social and national result is a disastrous loss of reputation.

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CASE OF THE  
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By Walt Anderson

"Of the treasure maps I examine many. The paper first, naturally. And the science of the ink—" He rolled his eyes. "One needs but the patience, the great patience!"

Hugo was hinting I show him the map. I hedged with, "The document Old George had in his possession was signed by one Chantaniere."

"An old family, from the mountains. That is to say, farmers. But how is it possible, monsieur? In the hills French she is never spoken. Only Creole."

"That's it. The document is in Creole."

"You are in error, monsieur. It is but a few years that the Creole is written down and has become a language. Before then it is only spoken. Now tell me: this old man who so providentially shows up on your ship, how does he call himself?"

"Bonaparte. And Napoleon, of course."

"That famous name is a common one with our people, though many hated the French Napoleon."

I described this Napoleon and his eyes brightened.

"Ah, that one! A type! He claims to be 100 years, and it may be true. Do no scoff, monsieur. You will find many strange things on this island. Certainly I will pick him up, but it will come to nought, mark my word."

He signed a formal document permitting the body to be moved, muttered words of condolence to Helen, and went his way.

I tackled the calm, the imperturbable one, and suggested she fly the body back to New York. She seemed highly pleased.

"Tell me something, Princess," I asked. "When was George in Haiti last?"

"George? This is—was—his first trip."

"Then how did Napoleon know when to meet him here?"

She shrugged, but did not answer.

"And where did the map come from, Princess?"

"That's easy. George stole it. His wings were rusty."

"Stole it? From whom?"

"I may as well tell you. From his partner, Francois Cailler."

Francois, the gilt-edged playboy, the headline hunter.

"That character!" I muttered, and I honestly thought she'd bite my head off.

"What do you mean, character?"

"So that's how it is! Look out you don't catch fire from the torch."

Helen gave me a truly horrified look.

"Why did the partners part?" I persisted.

"Maybe me. Maybe money. Francois sold his playmates half a million in shares in the expedition. George couldn't see it; he was working for himself, he wanted it all. So he out-fitted his own ship and was scared Francois would get here first. He should have been here by now."

I watched her fingers knit and un-knit, and guessed she had a rendezvous with Francois, but something had gone wrong. Now Helen was anxious to get back. She had some checking to do.

"How soon do you think you can sail the ship back to New York?" she asked.

"New York? Princess, are you crazy? I've got a stake in this rig. Twenty percent, remember? On contract, signed and sealed."

"George put up \$200,000 in securities for this ship. The American Bank of Credit is holding them. I'm flat broke. George ran through my mother's money," she declared.

"Where did he get that kind of money?"

"It's kept me up nights trying to puzzle it. I just don't know."

Undertakers came and removed the body. Helen accompanied them into town. It was a brusque leave-taking.

In the morning I put "Blowhard" Gordon, my Number 1 Diver, in charge.

Then I headed for the little commission-er who lived in a pink house that should have been tied up with ribbons.

I learned he had picked up Napoleon Bonaparte but had let him go.

The ancient man had a letter from New York asking him to meet the ship at Cap Haitien. Old George had questioned him about diving, and about his father, La Motta Chantaniere.

The astute commissioner went along with me now to find Napoleon again. The streets clambered upward to thatched shacks and lots of kids. There was no door. Neither was there a Napoleon. The only items of possible interest in the single room were a chest and a corner cabinet. The chest was open and personal belongings scattered about. Hugo observed, "Our friend he flies the coop."

In the cabinet were several hoary tomes. One volume mystified me. The text was Latin but its title-page read: "Cargoyles of Notre Dame de Paris: An Interpretation," Houdon et Cie., Paris, 1859.

Suddenly I took from my pocket Old George's map. The date was the same, so was the paper and its watermark, a squatting lizard. I turned back the book-covers. The end papers had been cut out.

Hugo was fascinated. He unscrewed the top of his fountain pen and placed a small but powerful glass on the yellowed paper, following each word on the page. Then he began to bubble.

"Here, monsieur, right where the paper has been folded, the ink is thick and it spreads out. The end-papers they are cut-out and folded, and the fibres they break along the fold. Later the new ink spreads out along the broken fibres. This tells us certainly that the document is newly-written. Your treasure-map, monsieur, it is a flagrant forgery!"

My world tumbled, for this simple fact opened a vista of double-cross. Nor could I fathom the depths of death laden despair to which it must inevitably lead.

CHAPTER III

I sat sipping cognac in Hugo's pink elfin-house, and sifted facts with him.

"We shall not know who it was killed Monsieur Cranby until we know why," he insisted. "The one thread we can follow now is the old one. Napoleon surely knows the map is a forgery, and now he flees. An innocent man does not flee."

"You said you'd have no trouble picking him up."

"Not in Cap-Haitien. But outside on the island, Haiti has high mountains with great tropical forests on them. And between them valleys, with families each a clan to itself. One hint of danger and they take to the hills where a man may lose himself for years. They believe in Vodun. What you call voodoo. Not like in most journals, no. Vodun is practiced mostly for good, not evil. But some also use the black magic."

"You mean zombies and all that bunk?"

"Bunk? I am the man of science, monsieur. But many things one finds here that my mind fails to grasp. I swear to you I have seen a plantation of the living dead. Call it hypnotism, call it what you will. These cults are older than Egypt, perhaps as old as the world. I have seen healthy men—the down and will themselves to die. And they die."

"You represent the police," I pointed out. "Why have they not, harped you?"

"It is like hypnotism—it cannot harm you. If you do not accept, if you do not believe." He hastily changed the subject. "We must seek out that

Napoleon in Blancheville, a little place. We go now."

We climbed into an almost original tin lizzie and left Cap-Haitien behind. Mountains loomed, with grimy rifts and canyons and occasional glimpses of the sea. By-and-by we came to their destination, an open market place with produce, straw hats and the inevitable mahogany trays. To my amazement I noticed there were no men; it was a woman's world. Across from the market was a cafe. There was no one within but an ebony giant who sprawled over a piano and filled the place with dark, swirling music.

The pianist rose to greet us and he was indeed a giant. I expected a boom like the wind, but he spoke in a soft and sonorous Creole patois. Yes, he was a Chantaniere. And who didn't know Napoleon, for was he not the oldest man on the island? The family lived three miles further along, but the car could not go there. There was a steep, rocky path fit only for donkeys. But we need not trouble, there was no one home anyhow. They were attending a coumbite, a planting, at the family Moulin nearby. He would accompany us if we wished.

He shouted and a woman appeared. I marvelled at her delicate face. (Later Hugo informed me that from birth mothers shaped and molded their children's features. I remarked on the scar she had on each cheek. "The were-wolf, the little man told me." "Oh, yes. There are many were-wolves hereabouts. The scars are burnt with a red hot cashew-nut shell to keep evil away.")

The big man came with us, and soon we arrived at a strip of land alive with humans. Hoos rose and fell, rhythmically tearing at the soil. Inside the farmhouse many women were at work preparing food.

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## Peter Quennell's Bookshelf

"The sword shall devour thy young lions," declared the prophet Nahum, not an author nowadays much in request, though his words are tragical, applicable to the lost manhood and wasted hopes of the first and second world wars.

Irwin Shaw makes this prophetic sentence the text of his new novel—a study of three young men, two Americans and a German, all soldiers of the second conflict, between whom fate arranges a disastrous final meeting.

They cross paths in a German forest and when the last shots have been fired, two of them remain there. Neither is a bellicose or vicious character. Each leaves a gap—a small but significant gap—in the community that reared him.

The Young Lions is an honest and impressive book—honest with that puzzle soul-searching honesty peculiar to the better type of modern American novelist; impressive because, although the characters themselves are palimpsestically reconstructed rather than spontaneous and vividly created, their background always carries conviction.

## A TOWN FOR THE ARMY

In Denmark a £300,000 building project is being planned that at first sight sounds like something out of Hollywood.

The plan, writes James White, is to build a town near Copenhagen that no one will live in. Shops, offices, homes and a 20-mile network of roads and paths will all be built full scale and then systematically destroyed again.

The object of it all, according to the Danish planners, is merely an attempt to train the Danish army in all the latest aspects of modern warfare.

If the scheme had been put forward in Britain—any bombed site marked for demolition would have done. In Denmark, however, there are no bombed sites—and for once, the Danish General Staff is sorry.

To make up for the lack of ruins the new town has been planned and work has already started on preparing the 8000-acre site. When all is finished the first houses will go down under shelling.

## THEIR JOB IS UNDER WATER

Private enterprise—the modern way—is reaping rich rewards for two brothers from Miami.

Continuing a business they started 15 years ago, that of commercial divers, the brothers are about to "go below" on one of their biggest jobs yet—in South America.

Their task is to salvage a one-time Victory Ship, the "Turan", wrecked and partly submerged after hitting a harbour jetty months ago outside port Recife, 1500 miles North of Rio de Janeiro.

To do the job, writes James Braga, the brothers are flying a 1,000 pounds of equipment to the spot, including the latest underwater torches and electric-welding apparatus.

By welding the cargo and forcing the water out of the holds, they hope to make the ship buoyant enough to be towed across to America for repairs.

What all this will cost is not made public. All the brothers will say is that the work will take a month, involve the hiring of 20 local labourers—and the use of four years' experience in salvage work during the war.

whether it is Berlin seen by a soldier on leave, the Western Desert while dawn is breaking, or London during a blitz night.

Some incidents are necessarily horrible—for example, the ambush and shooting-up of a British desert convoy; but the horror and squalor of war are nowhere over-emphasised or exploited for their own sake. "The Young Lions" should join the slowly lengthening list of good workmanlike American war novels.

It is one of the minor tragedies of war that a young lion, returned from the battlefield, is often compelled by circumstances to join the ranks of human sheep.

White Stranger is a refreshing production, since it tells the story of a soldier who, once he had escaped from the Army, resisted the temptation to rush into civilian uniform and merge with the industrious throng, umbrella and newspaper in hand, climbing office staircases.

Instead he went to the Celebes, the huge island East of Borneo and 1,000 miles from Singapore, where he settled down amid a head-hunting tribe known as the Torajas, who received him with the friendly courtesy of many unspoiled primitive peoples.

Having got to know his neighbours, he soon began to love them. "Artless and faithful," modest but dignified, the Torajas are a race whom nature and history seem simultaneously to have smiled on.

They practise civilised arts and crafts, and have achieved among other things a singularly odd and charming architecture; but civilisation has spared them most of its prejudices and vanities, its neuroses and its social miseries. Moreover they are bodily beautiful—the men small but lithe and athletic, the girls with faces like dusky circular flowers and exquisitely modelled arms and hands.

Harry Wilcox relates his experiences in a pleasant unpretentious style. Illus-

trations are excellent. He is not only a competent writer but an unusually fine photographer.

The accompanying photographs, taken by William Caskey, are, I am sorry to report, the best feature of Christopher Isherwood's travel-book. The Condor and the Cows—a record of a leisurely journey down the western coast of South America from Venezuela to the Argentine—is scarcely worthy of the once-brilliant author of "Goodbye to Berlin" and "Mr. Norris Changes Trains."

Picturesque and penetrating observations are sandwiched in between immense slabs of the dullest sort of travel-gossip. Every travel-writer should keep a diary; but he should go to work with a blue pencil before he trusts his notes to sober print.

## QUICK LOOKS

The Gaiety, by W. MacQueen Pope.

(W. H. Allen). A lively account of the famous theatre that in its heyday added a great deal to the gaiety of nations and some magnificent specimens of exuberant womanhood to the English peerage.

Rilke: Man and Poet, by Nora Wydenbrück.

(John Lehmann). Illuminating and extremely readable survey of the career and character of one of modern Europe's most important and influential poets.

Frank Harris, by Hugh Kingsmill.

(The Holiday Library, John Lehmann). This biography of a highly talented ruffian—adventurer, trickster, story writer, editor—has now been reprinted in the cheap and handy "Holiday Library." It contains more solid entertainment, than half a dozen modern novels.

## BATTLE AGAINST EGYPT FARMERS.

In Egypt specially trained "Narcotic Investigation" squads are fighting a battle against scores of farmers illegally cultivating hemp.

Touring Syria and the Lebanon, the investigation squads estimate that in the two countries nearly 80,000,000 square yards of land have been secretly sown with the banned crop.

Many of the hemp "fields" measure only a few yards square but on the outskirts of lonely villages and high on the mountain sides, the fields sometimes extend to many acres.

Every day, report the squads, farmers and village "dealers" run the risk of heavy fines and imprisonment, by growing hemp. To the growers, however, the risk is worth it. With hemp selling at anything from £30 to £50 a lb. in Egypt, a hemp "farm" is a short cut to riches.

At present, the authorities believe that nearly 800 tons of hemp is lying in Syria and Lebanon ready for "export" to Egypt. By the time it reaches the addicts, it is estimated that some £100,000,000 will have changed hands.

## GENERAL KNOWLEDGE ANSWERS.

1. The ancient Inca race of Peru.
2. Those of Alexander Selkirk.
3. The "Postboy" in 1695. (Only four numbers appeared).
4. In "Antony and Cleopatra."
5. Near the Ridgeway, above Ashbury, Berks. A fairy smith found—in English, Norse and Germanic legend.
6. Mine sweepers. (In Kipling's poem of that name).

## Can you have too much money?

Can you have too much money? The answer, according to the Bank of Japan, is yes. Far too much.

As proof of this the Bank authorities point out the case of Ichiro Yamada, an ex-officer of the former Japanese Navy, employed in the Government's currency printing works.

After being in the works for four years Ichiro was suddenly overcome by handling so much money and ran amok in the stores department shouting "Money! Money! Everything is money!"

Before he could be stopped, writes Richard Hughes, the money-crazed supervisor had set fire to 20 million yen notes and "torn up thousands more. Finally, proclaiming that no one should ever be worried by money again, Ichiro set about destroying the huge printing press itself.

In hospital, doctors reported Ichiro insane. His only chance of being cured, they added, lay in never seeing a yen note again.

Meanwhile, the Bank of Japan has reassured the public that there will be no loss of national currency as a result of the "regrettable incident." A "numbers" check has been made and the notes destroyed will all be replaced.

## NEWS QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Stalin.
2. Covent Garden.
3. The Wing Hing.
4. At the Allied Council for Japan in Tokyo.
5. Clark Gable.
6. Erich von Manstein.



# Children's Herald

## AT MY TYPEWRITER...



### A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE!

This morning I know you will all be very busy opening up presents, taking off those lovely crisp wrappers, and laughing in glee at what you find inside. At the same time you will be throwing out a quick look to see how mother and father and the rest of the family are liking the gifts which you gave them. I do so much hope that all Heralders have a marvellous time - and I hope you like your own Section just as much, when you have time to look at it!

May I thank you very much for remembering me with cards and good wishes. They were all so pretty, and some I valued particularly because they were obviously done by yourselves. I really am so grateful.

Secondly, I want to thank all of you for the grand way you have supported the "Children's Herald" this year. If you find it interesting, don't forget that it is you yourselves who have made it so. All the time we are getting new members, and I hope to welcome a lot more in the New Year.

Now go ahead and have some more fun! But don't forget over the holidays to keep writing in, telling about what you have done and thought. I'll be waiting eagerly to hear from you.

Happy days to you all, from

*Auntie Vee*

### X'mas bell

Hear! X'mas bells are ringing,  
When it is the time of joy,  
May I send you greeting,  
And pray for all, every girl and boy.

I will bring peace, prosperity  
and happiness,  
To bid you all good wish  
The voice just like from God,  
To give those who do good.

Honour certificate to Jeannie  
May of 80, Johnston Road, Top  
floor, Hong Kong.

## Christmas tree competition answers

By this time the winners of the Christmas tree competition will have received their prizes.

Here are the correct answers - At the time I am writing this it does not look as if anyone will get them all correct, so I am giving prizes to those with the highest number right.

1. Fairy.

2. Pencil Box.
3. Ball.
4. Motor-car.
5. A Purse.
6. A Top.
7. A Santa Claus Doll.
8. Sweets & Chocolates.
9. Marbles.
10. Train.
11. Comb & Brush Set.
12. Book.

## "CHRISTMAS"

Word-making competition this week.

Try and see how many words you can make from "Christmas". There are nine letters in the word "Christmas", so you should be able to make quite a lot of smaller words from it.

When you have written out your words clearly, count them, and put the total, then fill in the form clearly in capital letters and then send them to Auntie Vee, Sunday Herald, Windsor House, Hong Kong.

Mark the left hand bottom cor-

ner of your envelope "Christmas Competition".  
First prize will be \$10, second prize \$5, and the third prize \$3.  
There will be six certificates having five points each, and four certificates having three points each as consolation prizes.  
Good Luck!

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## A Christmas present from Heaven

Jane was a pretty girl but she was very poor, because she had no father and her mother was old and could not do much work. Every day her mother had to sew from morn till night for their living. She also made jam from strawberries which Jane picked from the hillside. Jane did not go to school because she had to clean the house, cook, and wash and iron clothes.

Jane had no aunts or uncles to love her. She felt very sad whenever she heard her friends calling aunts and uncles. Every night she would pray to God and ask Him to send her an auntie or uncle. Months passed and there was no reply.

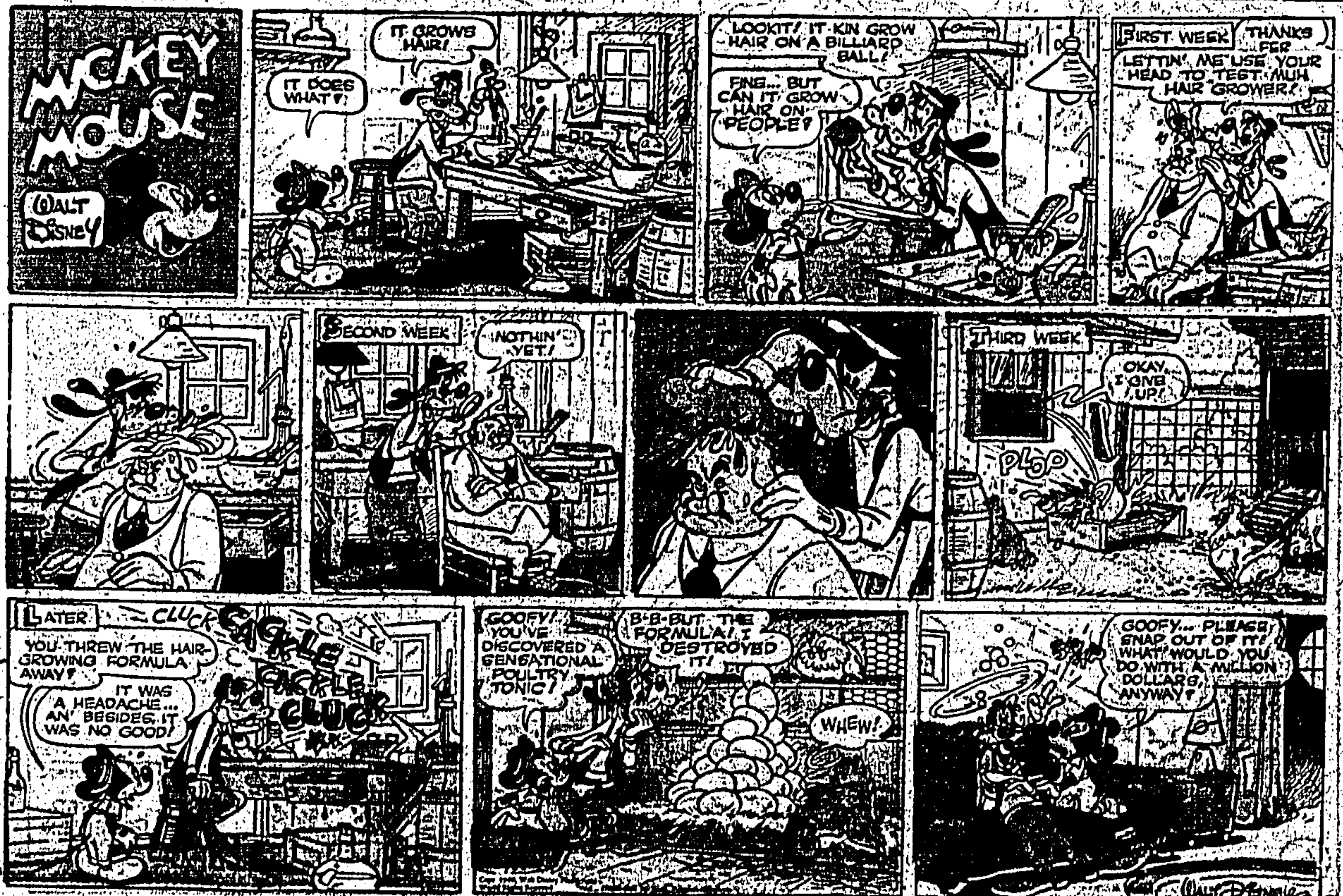
On Christmas morn, while Jane was in the sitting-room and her mother was in the kitchen boiling jam, there was a knock at the door. There was a big man and he looked very kind.

He asked, "Are you Jane?"  
"Yes," Jane replied.

"Merry Christmas! I am your uncle Jim and have just come back from America and I have a present for you."

Jane was very happy and she said, "Merry Christmas, Uncle Jim!"

Honour certificate to Irene Botelho, c/o C. Mattos, of Nederlande, Indische Handelsbank, N.V. Ching Yee Bldg., 8 Des Voeux Road, C. Hong Kong.





# BRICK BRADFORD

BY WILLIAM RITT AND CLARENCE GRAY

SURROUNDED BY THE BANDIT'S HENCHMEN, BRICK IS ABOUT TO SURRENDER, WHEN —

DROP THE GUN!

1

A SUDDEN GUST OF WIND STIRS UP A BLINDING CLOUD OF SMOKE. HE DIVES TO THE GROUND — RIFLES BLATE OVERHEAD.

THIS IS MY LAST CHANCE — HANDS AND KNEES — HOPE I DON'T BUMP INTO ANY BANDIT SHINS!

2

THE SMOKE SCREEN'S THINNING OUT — I WON'T BE ABLE TO GET BACK! I'VE GOT TO GET WORD TO FETLOCK — BUT HOW?

3

I'VE AN IDEA! THIS BRANCH SEEMS SPRINGY ENOUGH. NOW TO FIND A SMALL STRAIGHT TWIG —

4

NEXT THESE SHOE LACES. IF THIS TRICK WORKS I OUGHT TO PATENT IT.

5

I OUGHT TO ADDRESS THIS: "FETLOCK JOHNS, ESQUIRE; THIRD BOULDER FROM ENTRANCE TO RAVINE —"

6

BEFORE THE SMOKE CLEARS AWAY IN THE BASEMENT — I'D BETTER HIDE IN THE ATTIC!

7

THIS IS A ONE-SHOT DEAL, BRADFORD. YOU SIMPLY CAN'T MISS!

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BUZ SAWYER

By Roy Crane

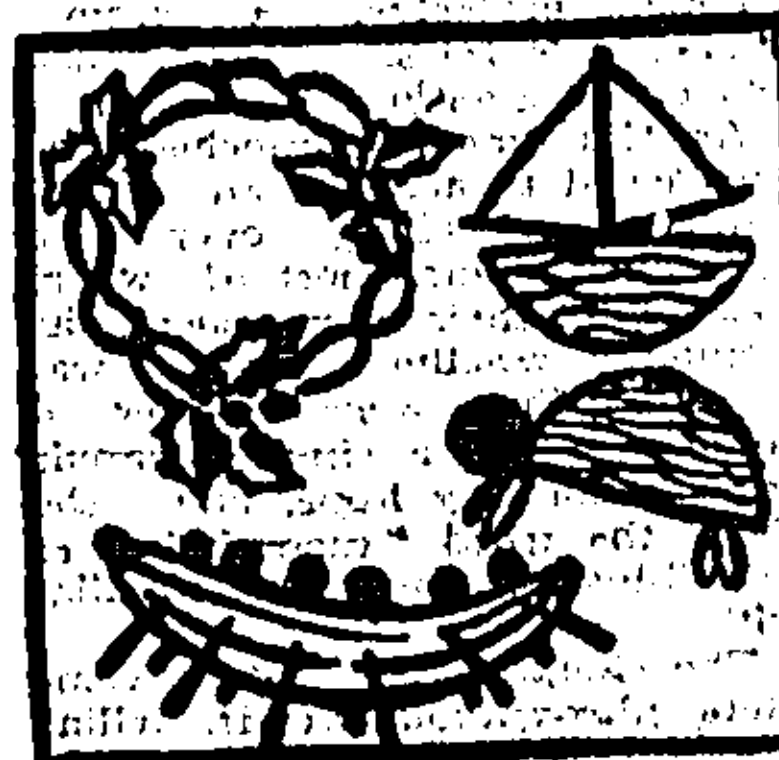


# Things to make

You'll all be busy preparing for Christmas, so here are some home-made decorations which can be made quite cheaply.

For the Holly Hoops, you will need some small wooden toy hoops, red ribbon, red and green tissue paper, and a few sprays of artificial holly. Bind the hoops with alternate strips of red and green tissue paper, and add a couple of sprays of artificial holly. Hang from the picture rail with ribbon.

Table novelties will make your Christmas table look gay. Banana boats can be made with the addition of matchsticks and coloured paper. Walnut boats also look attractive. Use half a walnut shell, a match-stick mast, and coloured paper sails. A walnut, crab or tortoise is made by



turning half a walnut shell up the other way and giving him wooden legs and a cherry for a head.

**Weather Flower.** Dissolve salt in water in a cup until no more salt can be dissolved. Cut out from bright pink blotting paper five or six round pieces of varying sizes, and shape the piece like petals. Twist a piece of wire to form the stalk, and fasten the petals on to it. Soak the blotting paper petals in the salt solution. Add a few green paper leaves and cover the stalk with green ribbon or wool. When the weather is likely to be fine your flower will be white, but if it is damp the flower will turn pink.

**Potato Design.** Take a potato and cut it into quarters. Take one of the quarters and cut a design on it. Mix some paint in a saucer and dip the side on which you have cut the design into it and then on to a piece of paper. Wait until the paper is dry and then get some floor polish and rub it in. This makes a pleasant shine on the paper and also makes it waterproof. You can use your designed paper to cover books.

**A Carrier.** Partly open a matchbox and join another matchbox to the top of the open matchbox. Cover with coloured paper. Cut four round wheels from a piece of cardboard and pin them in place. Also cut pieces of paper for windows and glue them on. Make a roof from cardboard to overlap the cabin (formed by the partly open matchbox), glue it into place, and your model carrier is complete.

**Fun with Eggs.** After a meal of boiled eggs keep the eggshells and make the rough edges smooth. Then make a dune's cap and push about a quarter of an inch over the edge of the shell. Try your hand at painting a face on the eggshell. Many different kinds of hats can be made.

**Spinning Top.** Get a thin piece of cardboard and a cup. Trace around the top of the cup to form a circle on the cardboard. Get a match and stick it in the middle of the circle and colour it brightly to your liking. Now your top is ready to spin.

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## Children's world spotlight

### TEACHER GETS A CARIBOU COAT

This is the story of a snow-blanketed school in the Arctic Circle where wolves howl night and day.

It is also the story of school mistress Margery Hinds, who left her cottage in Kent to live in an Eskimo log cabin, and so become the first welfare teacher in Canada's Western Arctic.

One year ago, she went to Fort McPherson, the most northerly Red Indian village in the world. Her task was to build up the little, white schoolhouse into a community centre for the Loucheux Indian trappers and hunters and their families. She had a cinema projector, a gramophone, a wireless receiver—and lots of imagination.

As Christmas approached, she was asked to arrange an entertainment. Looking over the illiterate Indians, most of whom speak only their own dialect, she wondered whether there was anything they were capable of doing. Acting a simple charade seemed the only hope, and she chose the word "moosehide" as something they were all familiar with.

The charade grew into a complete play-without-words, telling the story of a moosehide from the moment the Indian hunter sight the moose until their squaws have made its skin into boots.

Margery herself played the front half of the animal, draped in the skin and ears of a real moose. When the hunters skinned their prey, the audience was astonished to see the teacher inside.

The settlement of Fort McPherson sits in a narrow clearing among the tall trees perched on the high bank of the Peel River. There are a few wooden buildings occupied by white men; the furtrading post, the mission, the mounties' cabin and the schoolhouse; and also the log-cabins and tents where the Red Indians live.

In midwinter the sun never rises and the mercury drops to 60 degrees below freezing point. The Indians' tents, with their spruce bough floors, are kept warm by stoves, but through holes the frosty air pours in like thick white smoke.

The Loucheux Squaws made real Indian-style winter clothes for Margery: knee-length caribou skin coat, trimmed with wolf fur, fur-lined hood, moosehide boots and, moose-mits with wolfskin backs.

Margery's welfare work included distributing the 65/- old-age pension each month to the Indians; arranging wood fuel for the infirm; holding weekly evening meetings for the squaws; and distributing government rations to needy Indians.

It was quite a change from teaching to turn a good occasional, but she got up sides of bacon and weighed out tea and rice and beans, as she told me.

(From Patrick Nicholson's Ottawa.)

### THIS SANTA GOES BY AIR

Although his reindeer could travel over the frozen sea, in Ungava Bay, the Lighthouse-keeper's own Santa Claus prefers to visit lonely Akpatok Island by aeroplane.

Wearing his familiar fur-trimmed red clothes, he is delivering Christmas presents to light-houses in four countries, stretching from Canada's sub-Arctic down through French St. Pierre and Miquelon, to U.S.A. and Mexico.

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## THE LONE RANGER

By Fran Striker





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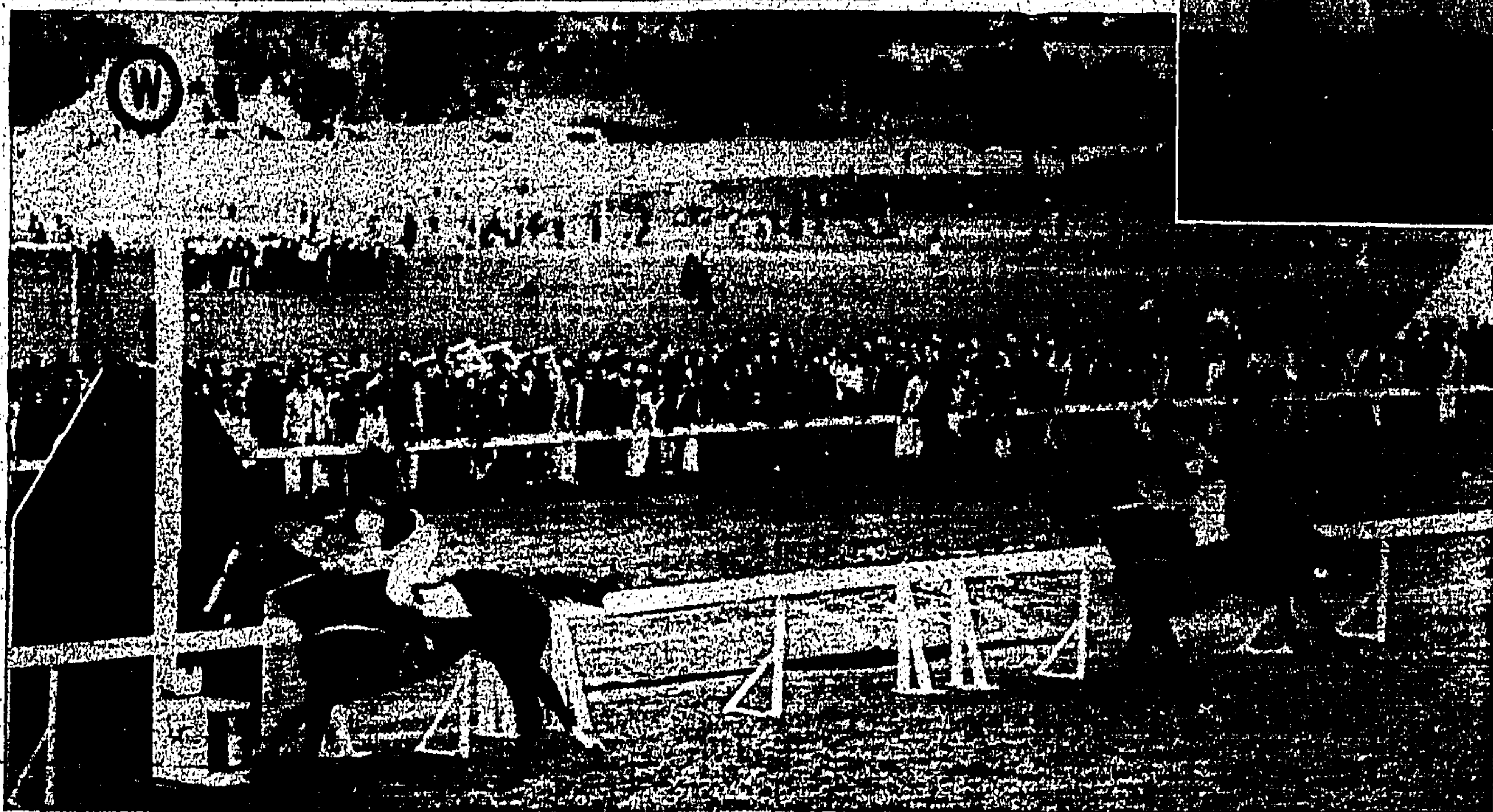
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Guests greet the newly-married couple, Colonel and Mrs. Leroy G. Heston, at a cocktail party given in their honour at the Foreign Correspondents Club.—"China Mail" photo.

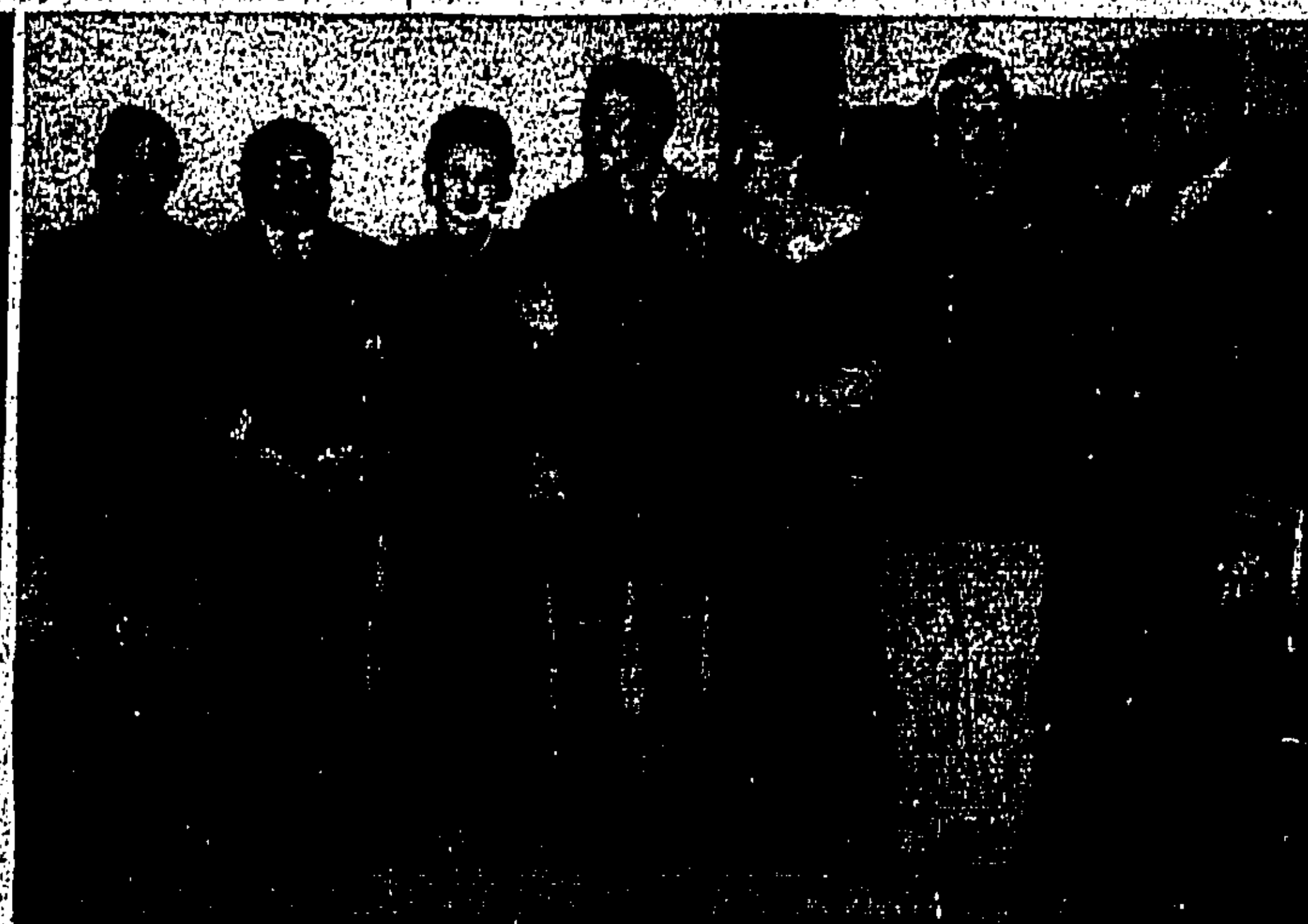
Kenneth Kwok, who, by winning the autumn championship, became the most successful jockey this season.—"China Mail" photo.

Bashful Beauty, with Kenneth Kwok up, wins the autumn championship at Happy Valley.—"China Mail" photo.



Some of the guests who were present at the cocktail party in honour of Colonel and Mrs. Leroy G. Heston.—"China Mail" photo.

Colonel and Mrs. Leroy G. Heston (third and fourth from right), who were married recently.—"China Mail" photo.







The Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, photographed on a tour of Social Welfare centres in Hong Kong and Kowloon — "Victor" photo.

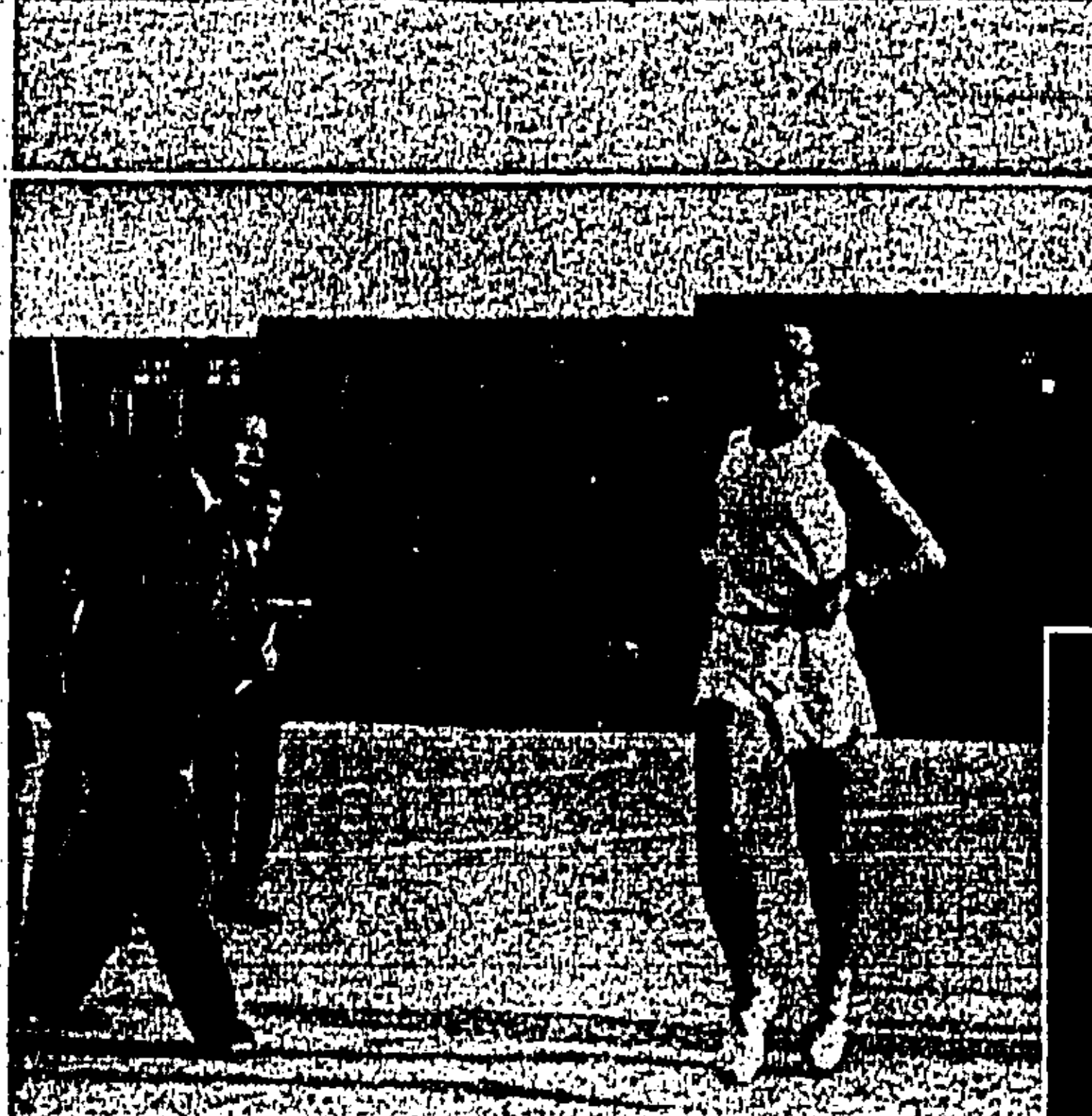
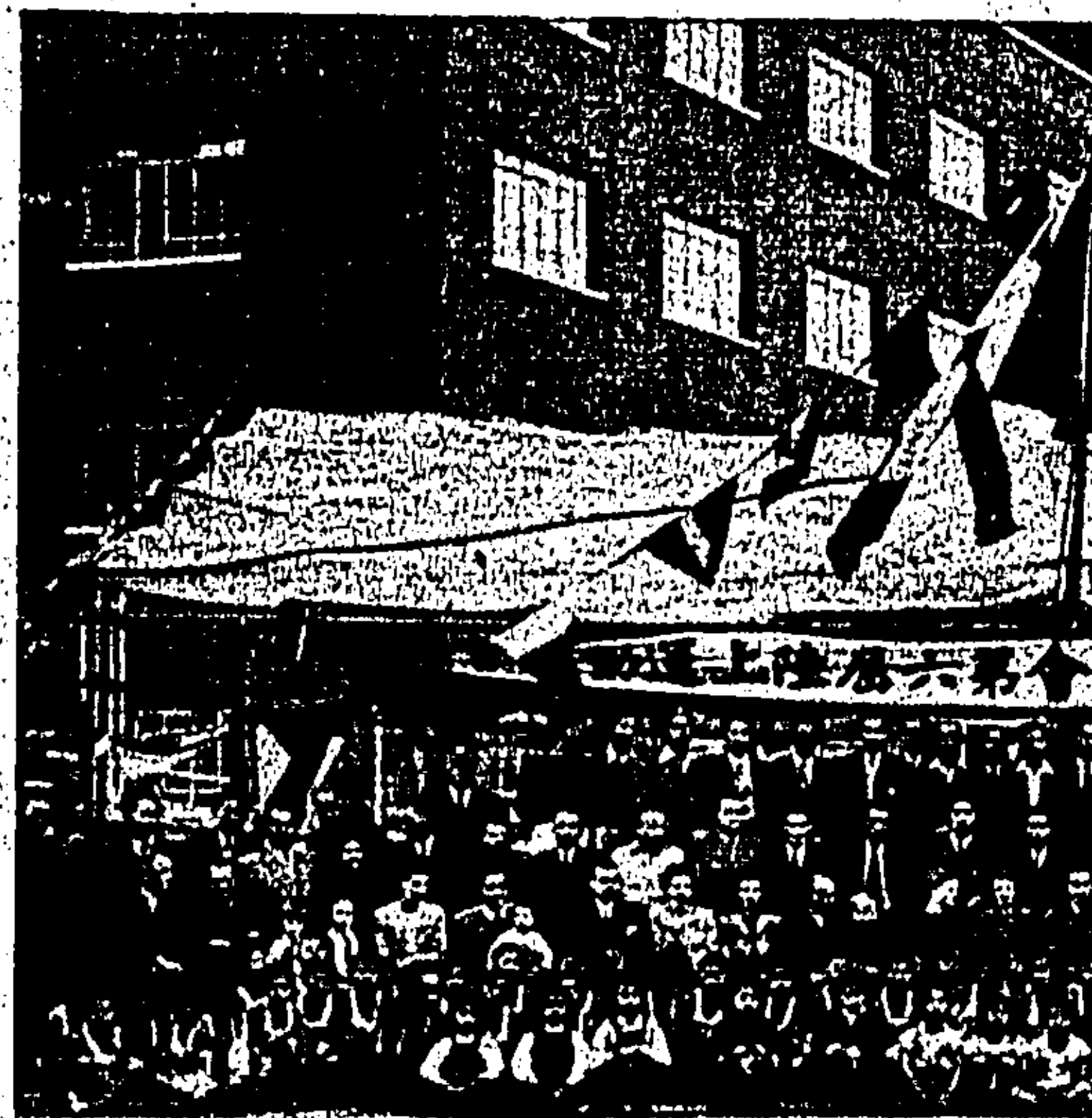


Major General Claire L. Chennault (left) and Mr. Whiting Willauer explain their announced purchase of CNAC and CATC equipment and planes from the Chinese Government at a press conference. — "China Mail" photo.



Little Mimi Haiat celebrates her eighth birthday party among her many friends. — "China Mail" photo.

It's party-game time for Mimi Haiat and her friends. Mimi recently celebrated her eighth birthday. — "China Mail" photo.



Lieutenant E. R. Downer, RASC, breaks the tape to win the Marathon race organised by the Taikoo Chinese Welfare Society. — "China Mail" photo.

Lieutenant E. R. Downer, winner of the Marathon race, receives his trophy. — "China Mail" photo.





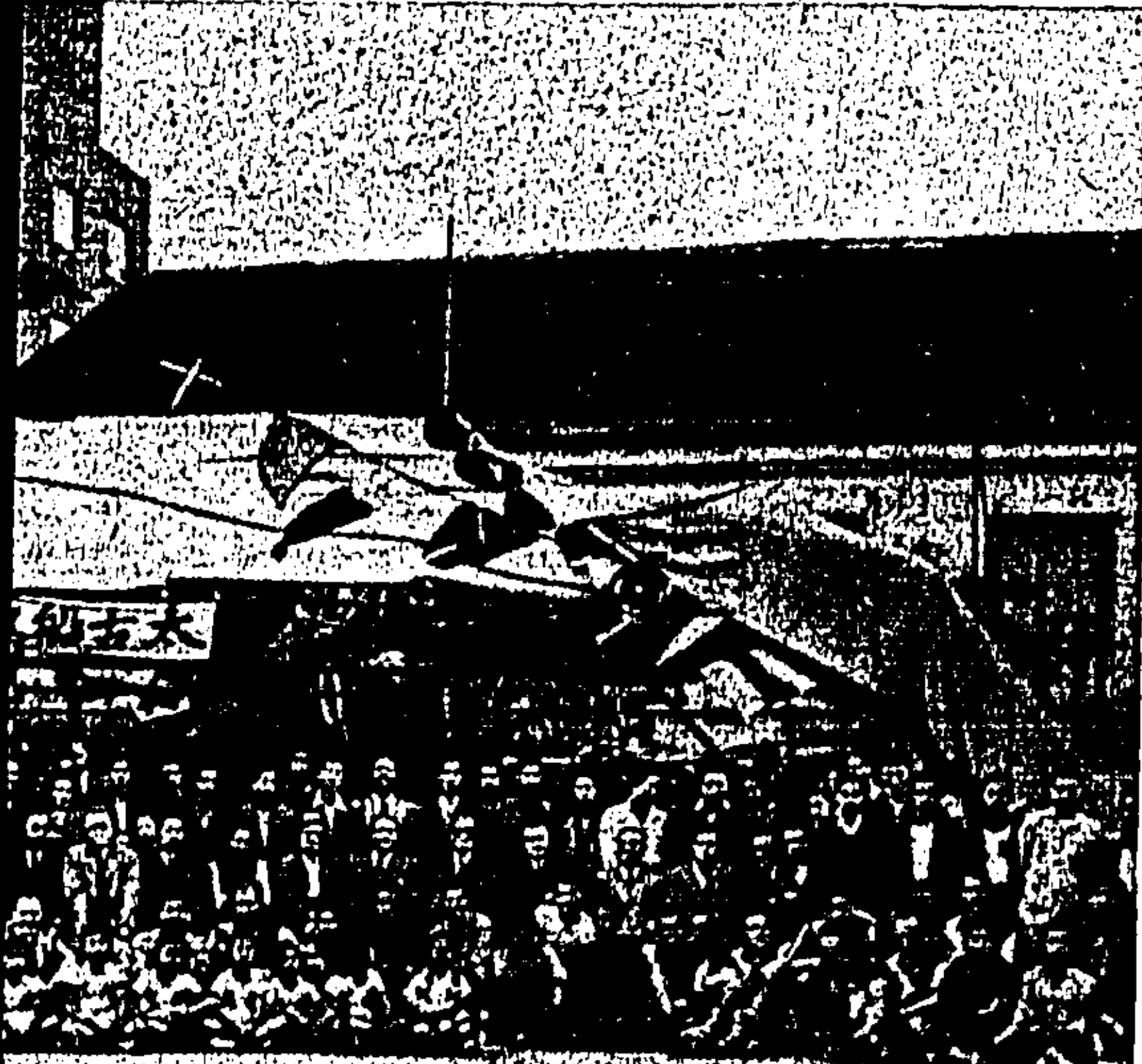


Photo taken at the sixth annual sports meet of the Taikoo Chinese Welfare Society.—"China Mail" photo.



Photo taken at the University's Christian Association's annual Christmas Carol concert.—"Ming Yuen" photo.



The Directors and members of the staff of the Advertising and Publicity Bureau, Ltd., at their annual luncheon held recently.—"Mee Cheung" photo.



The large gathering which was present at the HKU Christian Association's Christmas Carol concert held recently.—"Ming Yuen" photo.



Mr. and Mrs. Colin Ho, who were married recently at the Registrar's Office. The bride is the former Miss Alice Hwang.—"Francis Wu" photo.





Mr. and Mrs. Kwan Kun-ming, who were married at Rosary Church, and members of their respective families. The bride is the former Miss Chan Pui-ying. — "Ming Yuen" photo.



Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Birley, who were married at St. John's Cathedral recently. The bride is the former Miss Mona Shand. — "China Mail" photo.



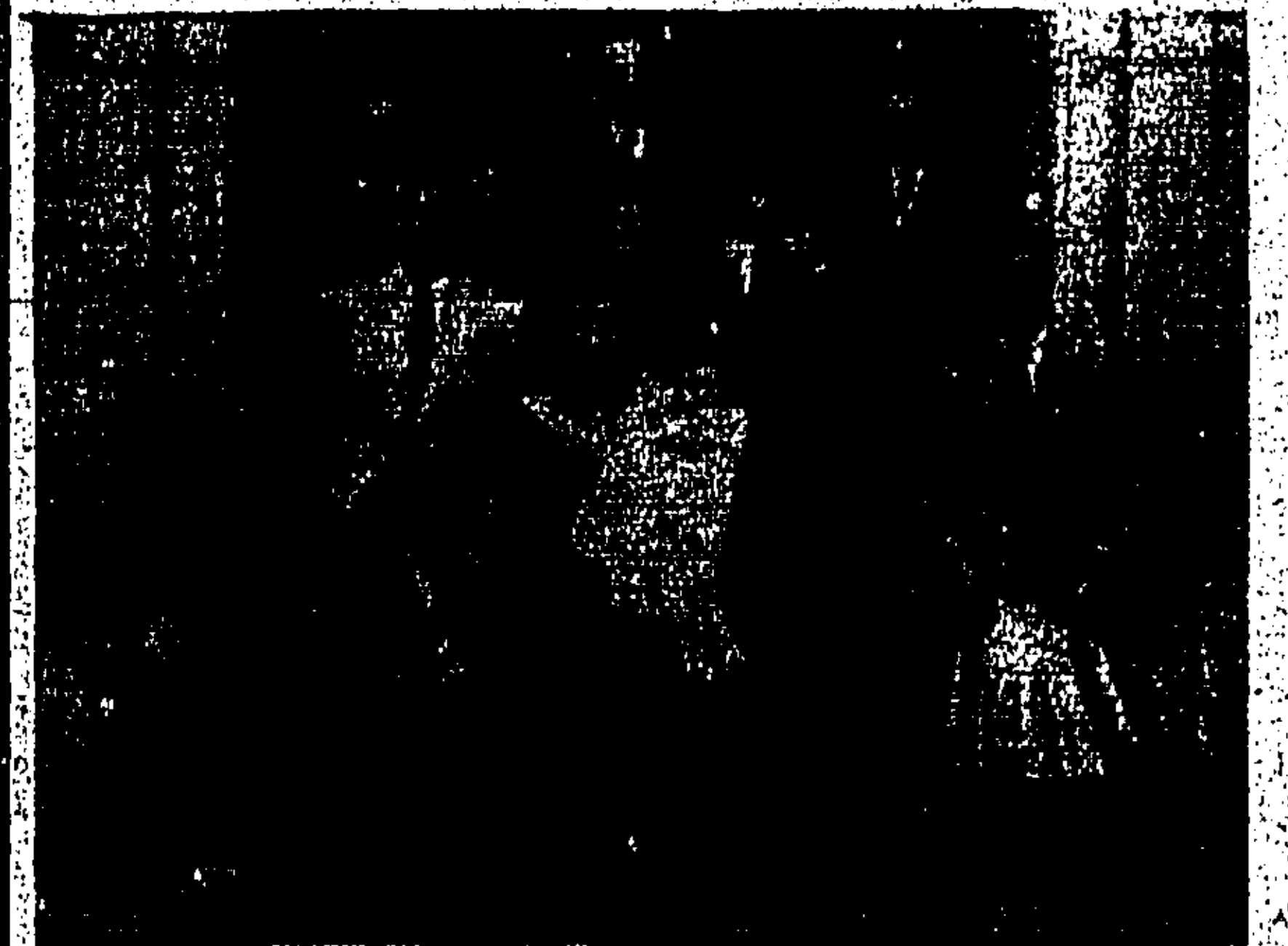
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Chan pose for a picture after their wedding at the English Methodist Church. — "Ming Yuen" photo.



Shown after their recent wedding at St. Margaret's Church are Mr. and Mrs. Lau Tak-chung. — "Francis Wu" photo.



Another couple who got married this month were Mr. Chen Shi-cheng and Miss Li Wan-ying, shown here in front of the Kowloon City Baptist Church. — "Ming Yuen" photo.



Neil Stewart Gourlay, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Gourlay, who was christened at the Kowloon Union Church. — "China Mail" photo.

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THE PHANTOM

By Lee Falk and Roy Moore

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spotlight

(Continued from Page 6).  
Edward Snow, former Air Force Pilot, has undertaken this charitable masquerade for several years past; but this year will make his biggest-ever tour, calling in on 255 light houses. (From Patrick Nicholson, Ottawa).

Playing with "toys" has become a big sport for adults among Australians who like to think of themselves as being "tough."

Hundreds of spectators crowd round the miniature concrete car-racing speedway to see the Saturday afternoon competitions between toy motor cars, 12 inches long, that attain 80 m.p.h. They are powered with miniature petrol engines, and are fixed by high tensile wire to a peg at the centre of the track.

The sport has been growing steadily in recent months. Speedboat races are conducted similarly in a pool of 72,000 gallons, dimensioned. The boats also circle at the end of a wire. Public interest is wide, and the races are strictly controlled, using electronic timing devices to decide championships. (From Arthur Morley, Brisbane).



ARRANGE 16 MATCH STICKS AS SHOWN ABOVE  
A FRIEND TO REMOVE 4, SO THAT THOSE REMAINING WILL INDICATE WHAT MATCHES ARE MADE OF. THE ANSWER IS NOT "WOOD," IT'S...



Wonder questions

Why is Boxing Day so called? Boxing Day is named thus because it was, on the day after Christmas, that a small gift or box was given to those who rendered small free services. Boxes were also placed in churches on Christmas Day for offerings, and the next day they were opened and distributed to the poor.

People in the last century made a custom of visiting their friends and giving them Christmas boxes the day after Christmas. The "X" in Xmas for Christmas stands for Christ alone, and is thought to be derived from the Greek letter for CHR, which resembles an X in form, and was used in the Greek word Christus, meaning Christ.

Where did the "X" in Xmas come from? The "X" in Xmas for Christmas stands for Christ alone, and is thought to be derived from the Greek letter for CHR, which resembles an X in form, and was used in the Greek word Christus, meaning Christ.

**WHO AM I?**

C is for column, but not for a column. H is for hat, but not for a hat. R is for right, but not for a right. S is for sea, and also for sea. T is for tent, and also for tent. M is for men, and also for men. A is for ams, but not for ams. B is for sound, but not for sound. My whole is a Holy Day. Answer: Christmas.

Honour: Gift of the Magi. P. K. Chan of 11, Link Road, Gao Poon, Happy Valley, Hong Kong.



# The Christmas Ship

DONALD DUCK

By Walt Disney

A Christmas ship lands in the dark of night.

When all the children are sleeping;

Their mothers are decorating their house with their might.

When all the children are having their wonderful dreaming.

The Christmas ship comes from the land of Crain.

On a cold day of December.

The grown-up folks may forget its name,

But young folks all remember.

A Captain that all of us know.

With a gown of red, a beard of white and a round little red nose.

The ship is packed with finest toys,

And the hold is filled with holly.

The Captain sings and plays with joy,

And his cheeks are round and jolly.

The Captain goes into every house,

But you will never hear him knocking.

You'll only know that he's been and gone,

By the things left in your stockings.

Honour certificate to S. A. Rama of 62, Jardine Bazaar, 1st floor, Hong Kong.

## Merry Christmas

Merry Christmas is here. Everyone welcomes it with joy and cheer. School children have it for a holiday. For it is a grand festival we all say.

And to have presents we shall be glad. And to the poor we shall give bread. And to church we all have to go. For to pray we'll never say "no."

Honour certificate to Beatrice Cheung of 16, School Street, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong.

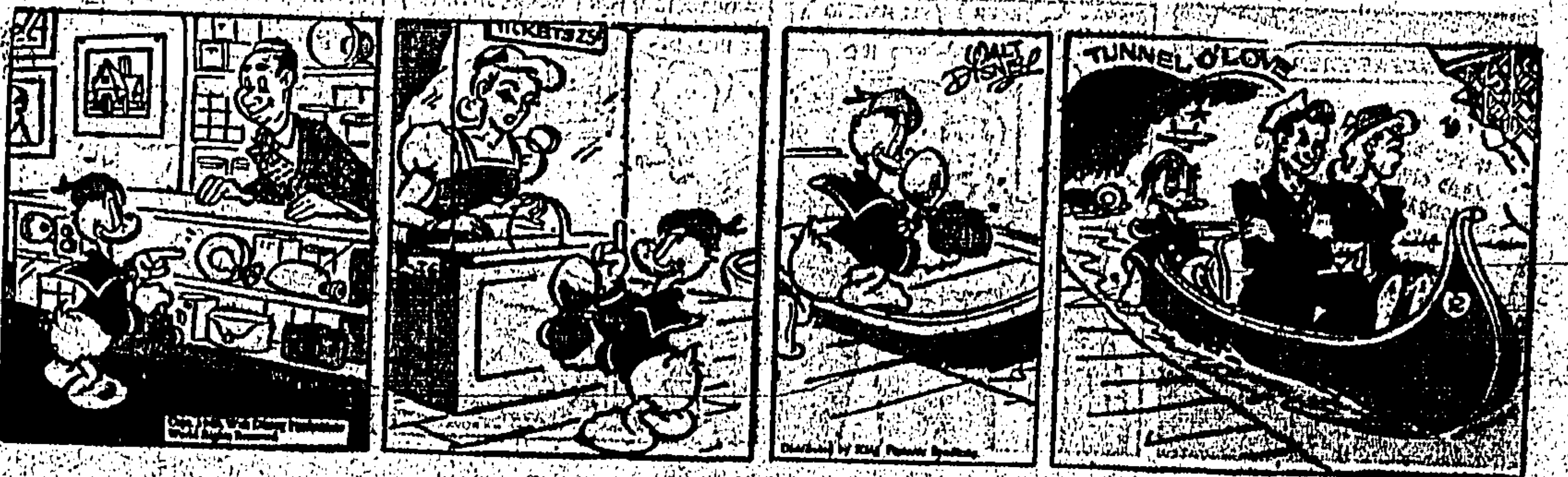
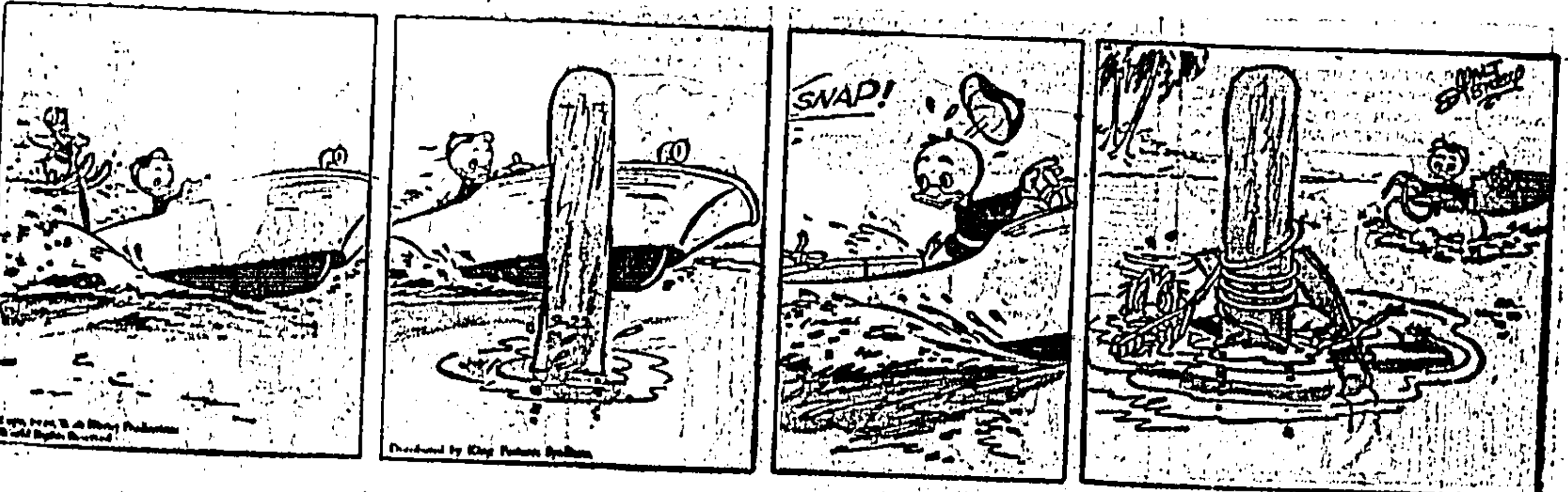
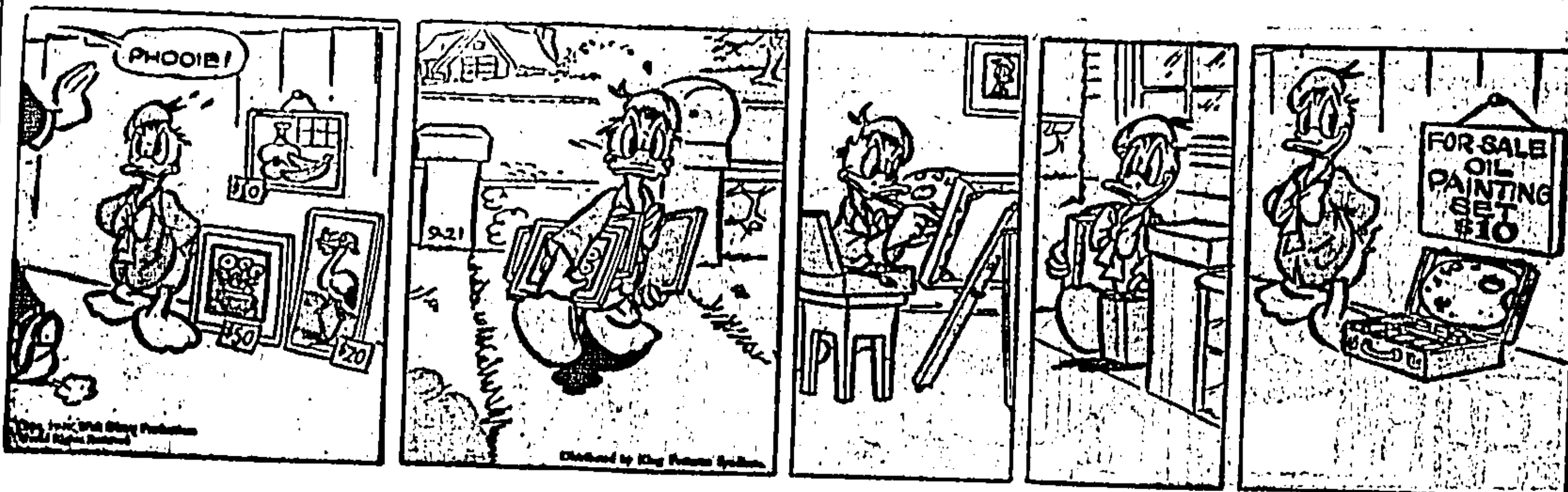
## Things to make

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**For your Party:** When sending invitations for your party, ask each child to bring her most novel possession. Prizes may be given for the best exhibits and all novelties can be put on show for the benefit of all.

**Novelty Zoo:** Make a game of cutting out pictures of animals or people whenever you come across them. First cut round the whole outline, then cut off the heads and put them in a box or envelope. Put the bodies in another and the legs in the third. Bring out the containers and pick the heads, bodies or legs at random, putting them together to form pictures. You will find that most of the animals thus made are most amusing.

**Toy Camera:** To make this delightful toy you will need two matchboxes, some black paper, two squares of silver paper, two staples, glue and cardboard. Glue the matchboxes together and cover with black paper. Then paste the silver paper in their places for lens. Make a bundle with the cardboard and fasten it on to the box with the staples.







## In the mailbag

JOHN LAU. Thank you so much for your nice letter. Any articles printed in the "Children's Herald" will get points. It all depends on the articles. You might get two to five points for an article. When you have 20 points return the Honour Certificate to me and I'll let you you have a prize of \$10. We don't have any meetings, for it's hard to find a place to hold all the members. There are so many of them.

TANG LAN CHANG. You can send in snaps of whatever size you like, but not too small, please.

## H.C.C. Members

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AGE: 16.  
HOBBIES: Music, reading and movies.

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AGE: 15.  
HOBBIES: Reading, writing and playing the piano.

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AGE: 18.  
HOBBIES: Reading and writing.

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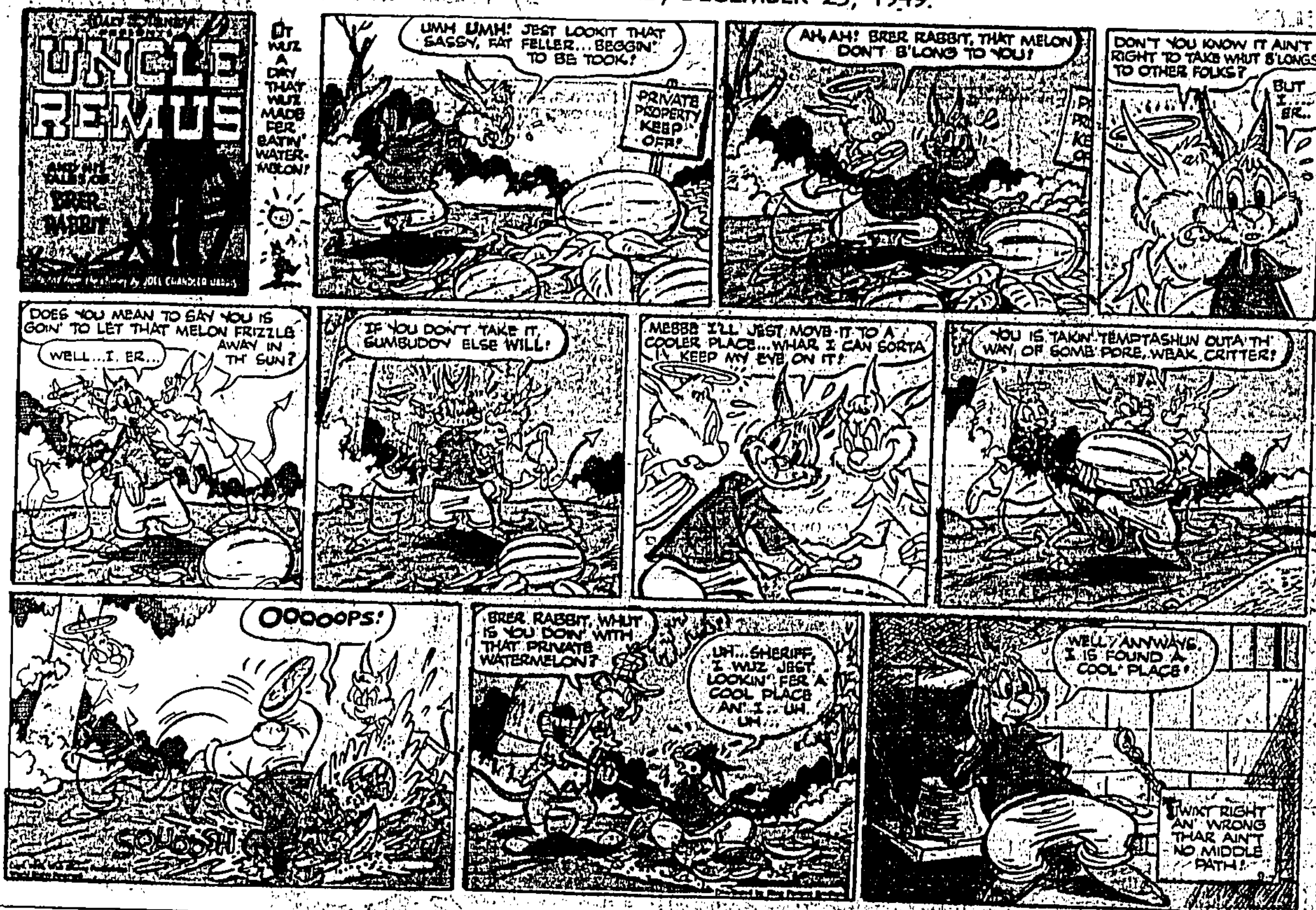
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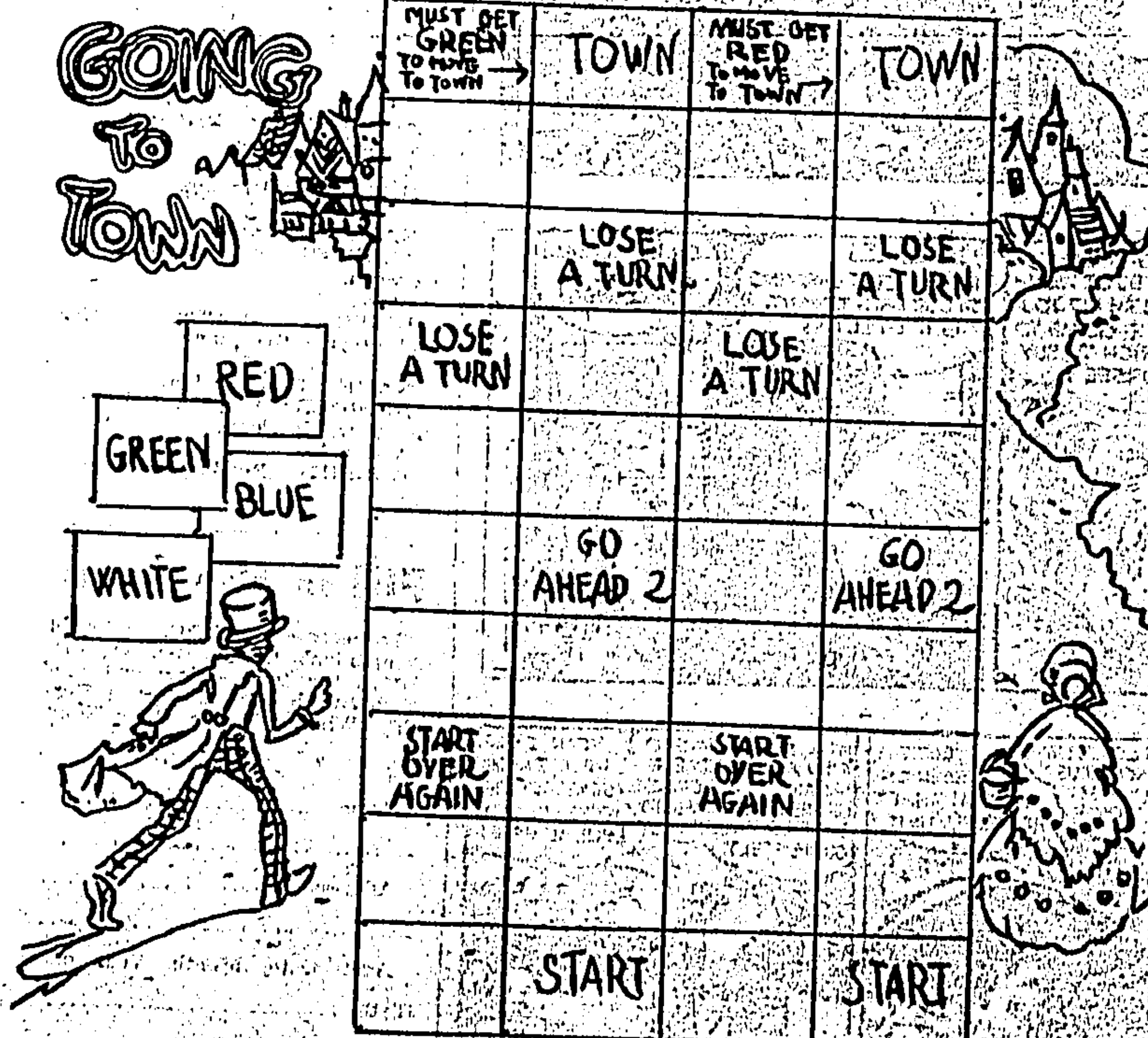
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## Going To Town



Cut squares of cardboard as shown above marked Red, Green, Blue, White, and colour with crayons. Then place in box and mix up. Two players each place a button on "START". Each, in turn, takes a square out of the box (without first looking at it). If it is red the moves ahead, if green, to right, if blue, to left; if white, there is no move. If space is taken he misses his turn. Player reaching "TOWN" first wins.

## Birthday greetings

CAROLE HARVEY of 56, Jubilee Buildings, Shunshuiho, Kowloon will be 11 years old today.

On December 27, ALBERT F. JORGE of "A" Stanley Prison Dept., Hong Kong will be 15 years old.

On December 30, ELIZABETH ROPER of 184B, Mt. Kellot, Hong Kong will be 10 years old.

On December 31, GILLIAN PAYNTER of 20, Kin Wah Street, Hong Kong will be 12 years old.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## A happy Christmas

Once there lived two girls. Their names were Jean and Betty. They lived with their Aunt Polly.

As Christmas was drawing near Aunt Polly planned to give a Christmas party for her nieces. She invited all their little friends to come to the Christmas party on Christmas day. On Christmas day the parlour was decorated with streamers and in the middle of the parlour was a big Christmas tree, and on the Christmas tree were presents. Then all their friends came and all of them were enjoying themselves. They were all dancing round the Christmas tree. There were also lots of cakes and candies. The party was a success.

When the party ended Jean and Betty thanked Aunt Polly for everything, for they said that it was the jolliest party they had ever had.

Honour certificate to: Diana D'Almada of 28, Hillwood Road, ground floor, Kowloon.

## Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

At Christmas Eve, When the table I leave, To bed I go, Said little Nell, with you.

What will I get? I wondered in my bed, And could not sleep, Though night was very deep.

Early I woke, And breakfast I take, Presents I found, By the bed on the ground.

Books from Jessie, Sweets from sister Bessie, Money I had, From my dear Ma and Dad.

Merry Christmas! Dad and Ma said to us, Christmas Greetings! We said, "Thanks for these things."

Honour certificate to: Elsie Chude of 45, Chungking Arcade, Kowloon.

## You may not be that lucky

A few years ago, on New Year's day, some children shooting firecrackers set fire to an old vacant house. Luckily, the owner was leaving it down anyway to build a new home.

Let this be a warning to children. Be careful where you shoot fireworks. You may not be so lucky. It is fun to play with firecrackers but you must be very careful for it might be very dangerous indeed.

Honour certificate to: Robert Lang of 9, King's Terrace, Kowloon.



## Listening-Post

English-language programmes and news from the BBC in London can be heard in Hong Kong on the following stations:—  
(All times are Hong Kong Standard Time)

### BBC LONDON

#### GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE

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| 4.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.  | 16.64 metres |
| 6.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.  | 18.82 metres |
| 9.00 p.m. to 10.15 p.m. | 16.84 metres |
| 12.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. | 19.82 metres |
| 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.  | 16.88 metres |
| 3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.  | 16.86 metres |
| 4.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.  | 15.92 metres |
| 6.00 p.m. to 7.00 a.m.  | 16.84 metres |

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Relays of news broadcasts from the BBC in London, as well as other English-language programmes, can be heard by listeners over the following stations:—

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| 31.51 metres | 35.30 metres |

News relays may be heard at the following times: 7.00 p.m. and 12.00 p.m. from Monday to Friday and also at 9.00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday on the wavelengths indicated above.

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|              |               |
|--------------|---------------|
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| 50.95 metres | 19.01 metres  |

## PROGRAMME NEWS

### H.M. the King

H.M. the King, broadcasting from his country home at Sandringham, will speak to his peoples everywhere on Christmas Day.

### 'Commonwealth Christmas'

Leading up to the King's speech, the BBC will broadcast, as in previous years, a round-the-world radio programme that will link listeners in all parts of the world and especially in the Commonwealth. Voices from far-away places that have previously been unable to take an active part in this now-traditional BBC round-up will be heard this Christmas. The programme is called 'Commonwealth Christmas'. The producer, D. G. Bridson, has this to say about its theme:—

"To anyone who has watched the big ships pull out from Southampton, Liverpool or the Clyde, by far the most dramatic of all peace-time sailings is the sailing of a ship-load of British emigrants. What will life really be like for them out there in Australia, South Africa, Canada, New Zealand—or whichever of the Dominions or Colonies they are bound for?

"That is really the thought behind 'Commonwealth Christmas', the feature programme which immediately precedes the speech of His Majesty the King this Christmas Day. It will open with the departure of one such ship and then do its best to answer some of the questions which must be in the emigrants' minds—men and women whose Christmas will be spent between two worlds, somewhere or other on the high seas."

To gather the answers, much preparation was necessary. The Dominions' contributions are 'live' wherever possible, but in addition three well-known broadcasters set out from London on a series of colonial journeys to collect news from the smaller members of the Commonwealth. They returned with armfuls of recordings. Leonard Cottrell has come back from the West Indies. Colin Wills has covered East, Southern and West Africa. Matthew Halton, on loan to the BBC from the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, has travelled as far from London as Singapore and Hongkong.

### The Mother and the Child

A Christmas anthology, 'The Mother and the Child' has been compiled and will be produced this week by R. D. Smith.

## B.B.C. Highlights

For nearly two thousand years the Virgin and Child, the Cradle and Star, have been an inspiration not only to devout worshippers but to artists of all kinds. This programme brings together excerpts from religious services, from mystery plays, from poets, playwrights, and novelists, all inspired by the great Christmas story.

### Sunday, December 25

#### General Overseas Service

- P.M.  
12.30 'IN TOWN TONIGHT'.  
2.15 'TIME FOR WORSHIP' from Stoke Climsland Church, Callington, Cornwall, conducted by Canon Martin Andrews.  
2.30 Arthur Askey in 'ARTHUR'S UPSIDE - DOWN CHRISTMAS' with Joy Nichols, Peter Sellers, Joss Ambler, Anthea Askey. The Dance Orchestra, conducted by Stanley Black.  
5.20 CHRISTMAS BELLS From all over the Country.  
6.30 'THE MOTHER & THE CHILD' A Christmas Anthology Compiled and produced by R. D. Smith.  
6.15 CAROLS sung by the Choir of Torquay Grammar School.  
8.30 Richard Murdoch in 'CHRISTMAS AT MUCH-BINDING-IN-THE-MARSH' with Kenneth Horne Sam Costa, Maurice Denham, Maureen Riscot, Helen Hill, Charles Shadwell and his Orchestra. Script by Richard Murdoch and Kenneth Horne.  
10.00 'COMMONWEALTH CHRISTMAS' Sound pictures and Christmas Messages from the Dominions and Colonies in all parts of the world, including the story of three goodwill journeys undertaken by Leonard Cottrell, Colin Wills and Matthew Halton. Produced by D. G. Bridson.  
11.00 Christmas Broadcast by H.M. KING GEORGE THE SIXTH  
11.15 GRACE FIELDS' CHRISTMAS PARTY Amongst those invited are members of Grace's family, children from her orphanage, the Wardour Singers, and Peter Yorke and his Orchestra.  
11.45 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE by His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. and Rt. Hon. Geoffrey Francis Fisher.

### Monday, December 26

#### General Overseas Service

- P.M.  
12.30 'VARIETY BANDBOX' with Frankie Howard, Binnie Hale, Max Miller, Rawicz and Landauer, Penelope Mann, and the Irving Singers.  
2.15 'BETHLEHEM' A Nativity Cantata by Rutland Boughton BBC Midland Chorus and Orchestra Conducted by James Donny.  
4.00 Joy Nichols, Dick Bentley, Jimmy Edwards in 'TAKE IT FROM HERE' with Wallas Eaton, Alan Dean, The Keynotes, The Augmented BBC Revue, Orchestra, conductor, Frank Cantrell.  
6.00 'CHRISTMAS ROSES FOR ST. MARTHA' Short story by Antonia Ridge.  
6.15 SANDY'S CHRISTMAS GREETINGS Once again Sandy Macpherson at the BBC Theatre Organ sends a selection of musical Christmas Cards to all his listeners overseas.  
7.15 Derek Roy in 'HIP-HIP HOO-ROY'.  
7.45 'GENERALLY SPEAKING' 'PLACES OF INTEREST' A series of talks by Geoffrey Bounphrey. 2. Old and New Sarum.  
11.15 MANCHESTER UNITED v. ARSENAL Association Football: at Old Trafford, Manchester. Commentator: Alan Clarke.

### Tuesday, December 27

#### General Overseas Service

- A.M.  
10.00 Big Ben. Kim Peacock and Marjorie Westbury in 'PAUL TEMPLE AND THE MADISON MYSTERY' A serial by Francis Durbridge 3: 'Elleen'.  
P.M.  
12.30 'FOLLOW THE BAND' A Radio Route March with The Band of the Royal Horse Guards (The Blues), conductor, Captain David McBain.  
5.00 DONALD PEERS introduces 'CHRISTMAS CAVALCADE' Twenty years of Yuletide Song Memories featuring VERA LYNN Peter Yorke and his Concert Orchestra, Denny Dennis, The Keynotes, with Carols sung by The Kirkintilloch Junior Choir (Conductor: Rev. J. R. Macpherson).  
7.15 Bebo Daniele, Vio Oliver, and Ben Lyon in 'HI, GANG!' with Benny Lee, George Mitchell's Hi Gangsters. The Dance Orchestra, conducted by Stanley Black. Script by Sid Collin. Produced by Tom Ronald.  
7.45 'GENERALLY SPEAKING'.  
10.00 Big Ben. RADIO NEWSREEL.  
10.15 'THE STORY OF GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL' A Radio Biography in five parts by Christopher Hassall. Part 5: 'The Turning Tide'.  
11.45 REPORT FROM BRITAIN A talk by Vernon Bartlett.

### Wednesday, December 28

#### General Overseas Service

- A.M.  
10.00 Big Ben 'THE STORYTELLER' 'Christmas in Paradise Alley', by Bernard Wetherall.  
P.M.  
3.15 'MUSIC FROM THE MOVIES' 'THE STORY OF GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL'.  
5.00 MAURICE CHEVALIER The famous French artist in a programme of English and French Songs broadcast with the co-operation of the Radiodiffusion Française, from Nice. Presented by Tom Ronald.  
6.00 POETRY READING. 0. Louis MacNeice reads a selection of his own poetry.  
7.45 'GENERALLY SPEAKING' 'Three Journeys', by Peter Fleming. 1: 'A Train to Samarkand'.  
10.00 Big Ben. RADIO NEWSREEL.  
10.15 'CHRISTMAS CAVALCADE'.  
11.15 BBC MIDLAND LIGHT ORCHESTRA.  
11.45 COLONIAL COMMENTARY.

### Thursday, December 29

#### General Overseas Service

- A.M.  
11.15 GALA CONCERT with Anna Ziegler, Webster Booth, Rawicz and Landauer. The Luton Girls' Choir, Mark Lubbock and his Orchestra. Introduced by Christopher Stone.  
P.M.  
1.00 Wilfred Pickles in 'HAVE A GO!' visits an old folks' Christmas Party in Blackpool.  
5.15 BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Conductor: Sir Adrian Boult Clifford Curzon (piano) Academic Festival Overture ... Piano Concerto No. 24 in C minor, K. 491 ... Mozart  
6.00 'SCIENCE FOR THE AMATEUR' A talk by Sam Lilley.  
7.45 'GENERALLY SPEAKING'.  
10.00 Big Ben. RADIO NEWSREEL.  
10.45 BAND OF THE ROYAL HORSE GUARDS (The Blues) Conductor: Captain David McBain.

### Friday, December 30

#### General Overseas Service

- A.M.  
10.00 Big Ben. 'MEET THE COMMONWEALTH'.  
10.30 'CHRISTMAS AT HOGSNORTON' described by England's Patrician Philosopher—Gillie Potter.  
11.15 BBC SCOTTISH ORCHESTRA Conductor: Ian Whyte Carnival Overture ... Dvorak Symphony No. 1 in C ... Bizet  
P.M.  
4.00 'THE SHADOW LINE' by Joseph Conrad. Adapted for broadcasting by Sybil Clarke.  
5.00 'THE OLYMPIANS' An opera in Three Acts. Libretto by J. B. Priestley. Music by Arthur Bliss. Music from the opera chosen by the Composer and introduced by J. B. Priestley.

Keep this page for use during the week.

- 7.30 'FROM THE THIRD PROGRAMME' An extract from Cecil Day Lewis's new poem. 'An Italian Visit'.  
8.15 'LET'S MAKE MUSIC' The Squadrone's Dance Orchestra, directed by Jimmy Miller with The Quads, The Squads Choir, and Roy Edwards; Hermanos Denis Cuban Rhythm Band.

- 10.00 Big Ben. RADIO NEWSREEL.  
11.45 'WORLD AFFAIRS' A survey by the Hon. Harold Nicolson.

### Saturday December 31

#### General Overseas Service

- A.M.  
9.30 'TAKE IT FROM HERE'.  
P.M.  
12.30 CENTRAL BAND OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE Conductor: W/C A. E. Sims.  
1.00 'TWENTY QUESTIONS' Anona Winn, Daphne Padel, Jack Train, and Richard Dimbleby, who ask all the questions; and Kenneth Horne who knows (almost) all the answers.  
2.30 'FOLLOW THE BAND' A Radio Route March with the Band of the Royal Army Medical Corps, conductor, Lieutenant L. D. Brown.  
4.00 'PAUL TEMPLE AND THE MADISON MYSTERY'.  
5.00 'HIGHLIGHTS OF 1949' New Year Eve Feature Programme linked by Wynford Vaughan Thomas.  
6.30 'WE BEG TO DIFFER' A lively discussion on subjects on which the sexes disagree, with Kay Hammond, Evelyn Innes, Joyce Grenfell, Charmian Innes, John Clements, and a guest in the chair: Roy Plomley.  
7.30 'GENERALLY SPEAKING'.  
10.00 Big Ben. RADIO NEWSREEL.  
10.15 QUEEN ELIZABETH HANDICAP STEEPCHASE A recorded commentary.  
10.30 ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL League Match. Commentator: Raymond Glendinning.

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It is common knowledge that the Government, ever anxious to attract the American dollar, is leaving no stone unturned to make Mr. Morrison's 1951 Fun Fair in Battersea Park a keen rival to Montmartre for gaiety and allure.

In the meantime (policemen are frequently asked) what attractions has the City of Dreadful Night to offer the Transatlantic visitor who is unaccustomed to go early to bed on a rumbling stomach with a hymn in his heart? Well, what could be merrier than a *recherche* little supper in Vudge's Vegetarian Casino, and Fresh Fruit Wine Bar?

The first impression of a visitor entering this gruesome munchery from the street will be that he has stumbled into a ruined tomb full of grazing gnus.

These hirsute denizens of the vegetable underworld will slowly raise their rugged heads from their platters and gaze at him suspiciously as though he were meat. The effect on the visitor will be most alarming. He will feel that he has been deliberately stared out of countenance by angry wool-bearing vitamins.

Oddly enough, all dishes served in Vudge's although made exclusively from vegetables by a secret and unappetising process, are described temptingly in terms of meat. Thus a typical menu reads as follows:

*Mock Mock-Turtle Cabbage Soup.*

*Grated Peanut Cutlet de Voau with brown parsnip beef tea.*

*Mixed Grill Fried porridge sausage, stuffed walnut kidneys, fumed artichoke liver, and sliced Irish swede-bacon.*

*Cornish Birdseed Larded Cake.*

*Weed tea or acorn coffee.*

On Friday evenings at 9.30 o'clock there is a Gala Floor Show and Cabaret entitled "Vegetables On Parade," compered by Prof. Vudge himself and featuring Les Vudge Girls in their sensational novelty health act, "Bracing Exercises for the Abdomen and Spine."

The Fresh Fruit Wine Bar remains open until 10 p.m. (Friday Extension Night 10.30 p.m.), and mixed treating is permitted.

\* Anything.

### By any other name

Now is the time, as Professor Izzard would be the last to tell you, to plant a selection of the glorious new Socialist roses for limited blooming in the spring. They are all said to thrive vigorously in a poor soil and, with certain exceptions, are splendid doers.

Special quotations will be given for large quantities and all orders will be despatched in rotation.

HUGH DALTON, a showy exhibition bloom, opening crimson, blanching to pallid white. Shallow-rooting and needs constant replanting. Should be covered with plenty of litter in rough weather, or lifted and put in a dry shed.

SAUCY MRS. BRADDOCK, multi-double, flushed purple edged with doinky flesh pink, huge blossom, rampant, fragrant, self-clinging. Likes a central position, but wilts in hot weather.

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## Over to You

### GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. What people were known as "The Children Of the Sun"?
2. Whose adventures formed the basis for "Robinson Crusoe"?
3. Which was the first London daily paper?
4. In which of his plays does Shakespeare mention billiards?
5. Where is Wayland Smith's Cave? And who was Wayland Smith?
6. What kind of ships were "Unity, Claribel, Assyrian, Stormcock and Golden Calf"?

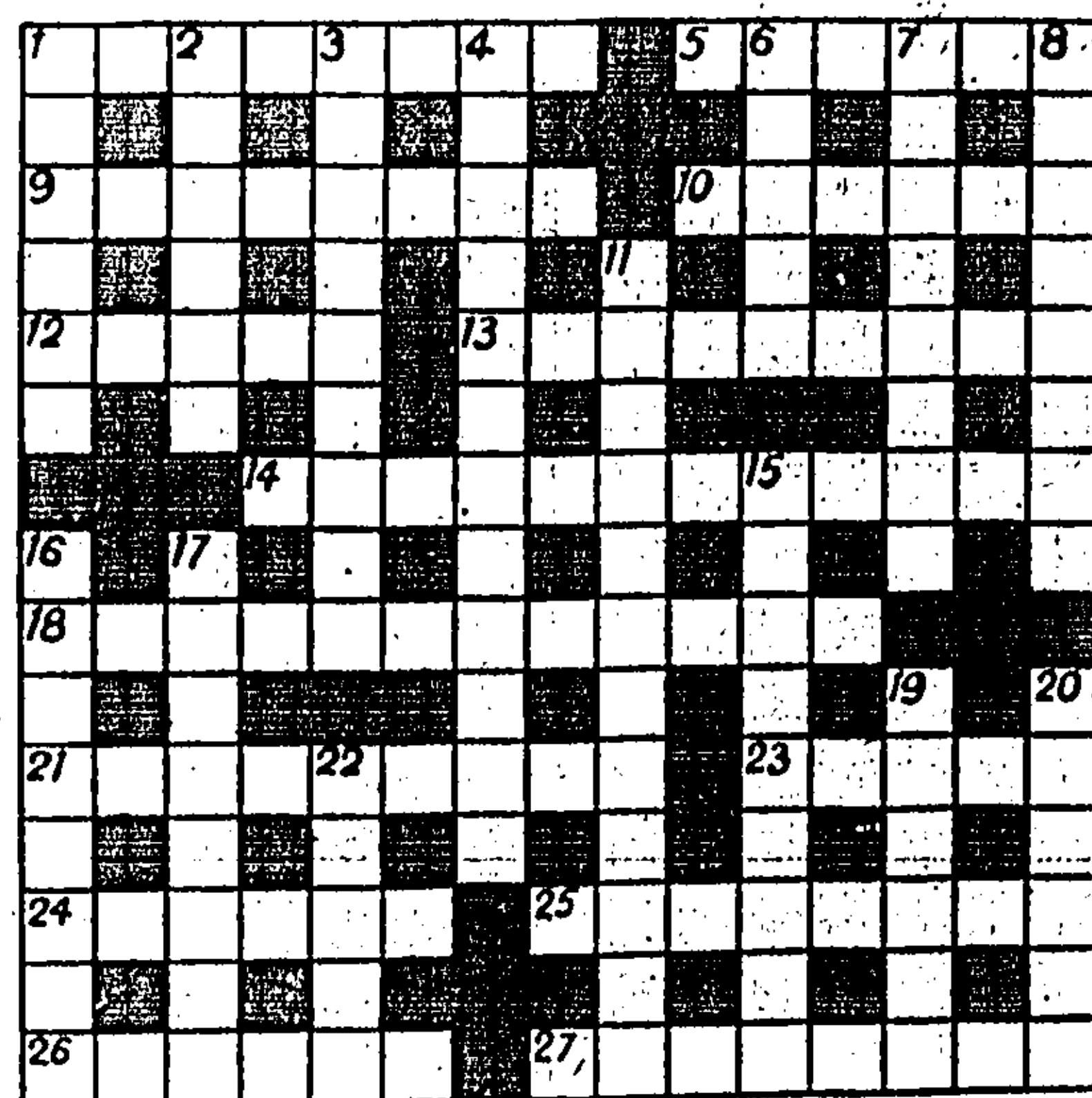
(Answers on Page 2)

### NEWS QUIZ

1. What national leader's birthday was celebrated last week?
2. Where in London did a huge fire break out last week?
3. What is the name of the British coaster detained by the Reds at Swabue?
4. Where did the Russians stage their latest walk-out last week?
5. What famous film star was married last week?
6. What German field-marshal has just been sentenced for war crimes?

(Answers on Page 2)

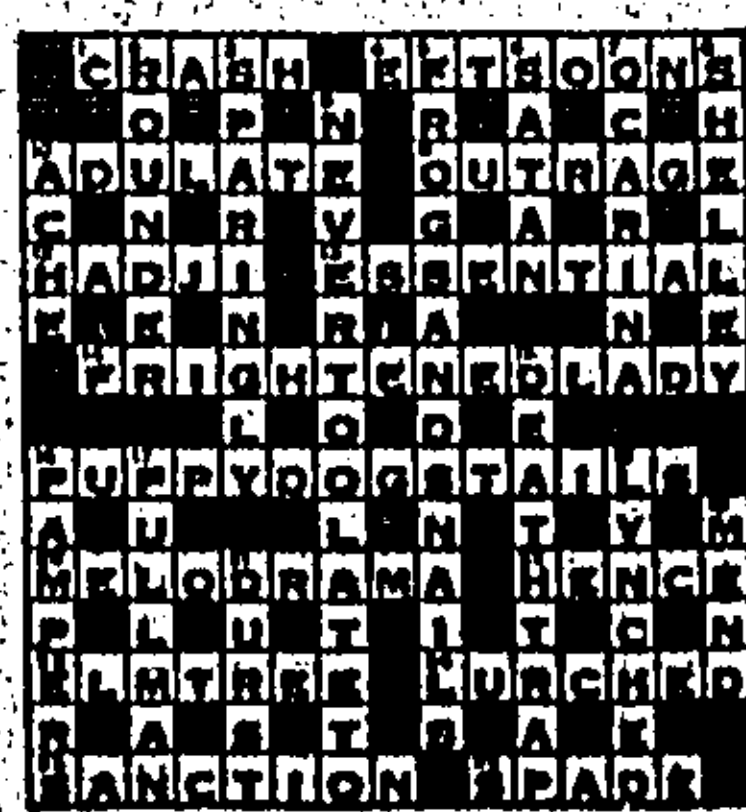
## THE SUNDAY HERALD CROSSWORD No. 139



### Across

- 1 Kents desired to cease upon it, painlessly. (8)
- 5 The Persian 25 sounds doubly a beast. (6)
- 9 The sound of study in college. (8)
- 10 "After life's fitful fever he sleeps well." (6)
- 12 Deciphered, in fact. (5)
- 13 Only a duel that is pure. (9)
- 14 March past, the opening day. (5, 2, 5)
- 18 One gets heartily sick of it. (4, 8)

### SOLUTION TO No. 138



- 21 He's at least 50 per cent, correct. (5, 4)
- 23 Old weapons found at 8. (6)
- 24 He found flying a bit too hot for him. (6)
- 25 See 5. (8)
- 26 A contest won by Sean? (8)
- 27 The contents of the postscript might be relative, as is determined. (8)

### Down

- 1 He is half confused by company. (8)
- 2 Even in the garden it may be found. (6)
- 3 A breeze at Bury. (9)
- 4 The desired conditions for getting out of an investment. (7, 2, 3)
- 6 The regular customer's customary order for drink? (5)
- 7 Dray, behind the house. (8)
- 8 Long valley, but not at Aldershot. (8)
- 11 Jacob's twice seven years? (6, 2, 4)
- 15 Hill of Mars. (6)
- 16 The girl to entrance a Scot. (8)
- 17 Sayings in the page's rim. (8)
- 19 On them, said Mr. Pickwick, Mr. Winkle was an impostor. (8)
- 20 Bacchus in Egypt. (6)
- 22 It's quite rough and ready as a rule. (5)

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## BRIDGE

South opened with One Heart on the hand below in a recent match, and North responded with Two Diamonds, raising the level of bidding on rather slender values. As South had seven winners—five in Hearts and the two outside Kings—it was natural for the later bidding to reach a contract of Four Hearts in both rooms.

S Q J x  
H K x  
D J 10 9 x x x  
C J x

S K 9 8 x x  
H Q 10 x  
D A x  
C Q 7 2

N  
W  
E  
S

S A 10 x x x  
H x  
D Q x x  
C A 9 8 x

S none  
H A J 9 8 x x x  
D K 8  
C K 10 x x

The feature of interest in the play was that the opening lead in one room of the Two of Clubs, by an expert player, gave the declarer a chance to make his contract. How should the declarer plan his play after East took the first trick with the Ace of Clubs and returned the Ace of Spades, which was ruffed?

The King of Clubs takes Trick 3, and a Club is ruffed at Trick 4. The King of Hearts is next played. The finesse against the Queen of Diamonds follows, drawing the Ace, and the Queen of Hearts is the only other trick which is lost. It was a simple plan based on the chances which must be favourable for success. The declarer, however, could not see it, and was one down.

In the other room the opening lead was the Nine of Spades, which gave the declarer a more severe problem, and only seven tricks were made. The choice of opening lead then caused a difference of two tricks—which should have been three tricks and game. West had a difficult opening lead. He dreaded leading away from his King of Spades or his Queen of Hearts, and North had bid Diamonds. East and West only were vulnerable. This accounts for their silence during the bidding.

(Continued from Col. 1.)

CLEM ATTLEE ("The Last Rose of Summer"), dwarf-growing, mossy, slightly colourless. Apt to be lifted out of the ground by frosts and has a marked tendency to produce suckers. A shy bloomer, rather sappy, but makes a nice quiet little bush for the suburban garden or public park.

SIR STAFFORD, a poor deer on a cliff stem, with tiny white blossoms, thorny, and inclined to mildew. The tip of the growth has a mealy look. Subsists best on barren soil and is very difficult to transplant. Scentless.

DAINTY DR. SUMMERSKILL, shot tinned salmon. A vigorous climber, with smart foliage, perpetual flowering. Thrives even in exposed positions, but resents being disturbed. Responds adversely to pruning. Top-rooting.

EMANUEL SHINWELL, a showy Continental novelty, bright yellow on a mottled, saffron base, intensely fragrant and continuous, but inclined to bolt. His attractive and ornamental hips, but in too rich a soil suffers badly from big bud. When attacked by vermin is inclined to revert to stock. Should be carefully watched for the Red spider and syringed frequently.

NYE, a very rampant little creeper, fully double and semiwild, producing a surfeit of brilliant red broken blossoms which turn to livid purple when the parent plant is crossed. Likes a well-manured soil, but won't stand cutting or pegging-down. Thoroughly hardy and self-rooting, but inclined to weep suddenly in a cold wind.



# DEAN ACHESON WARNS ISBRANDTSEN LINE

## Trip to Shanghai may cost Captain's licence TWO WARNINGS SENT

Washington, December 23.

The Government has warned the Isbrandtsen Line that the masters of any of its ships which enter the Chinese Communist port of Shanghai, may lose their licenses, it was announced on Friday.

The warning, the State Department said, was delivered to the master of the Isbrandtsen ship Flying Arrow at Okinawa last Sunday and to the same ship in Pusan, Korea, on Tuesday.

H.J. Isbrandtsen, president and owner of the New York line, told the United Press that he has no intention of changing his shipping schedules which were made out many months in advance. They provide for regular calls at Shanghai, which Nationalist Chinese naval forces are trying to blockade.

His ships have had several encounters with the Nationalist navy. Two of his ships, the Flying Cloud and the San John Franklin, were damaged by shells from Nationalist naval vessels.

The State Department, in its formal communication to the master of the Flying Arrow, pointed out that the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, has declared the port of Shanghai a "zone of danger." He had warned American ships to steer clear of that zone.

The State Department then cited the section of the Maritime Law which requires a ship's master to use reasonable skill in protecting the lives of the persons aboard his vessel, pointing out that if the ship's captain neglects to do so, he may, after a hearing, have his license revoked.

The United States has refused to acknowledge the legality of the Nationalist blockade of China, but the government has rebuffed the Isbrandtsen Line for doing business with Shanghai.

The State Department said its warnings to the Flying Arrow captain were delivered by the commanding officer in Okinawa and a United States consular official at Pusan. Both communications included the text of Mr. Acheson's warning note.

The warning added: "At the direction of the Secretary of State I am instructed to inform you that the Coast Guard has been advised that a violation of the warning will render the licenses of masters of United States flag vessels liable to action under the revised statute section 4450."

This regulation points out that the Coast Guard boards of inspection which enforce Maritime Law, "shall investigate all acts of incompetence or misconduct committed by any licensed officer while sailing under the authority of his license, and shall have power to summon before them any witnesses."

"If the Board shall be satisfied that such licensed officer is incompetent or has been guilty of misbehavior, negligence, or unskillfulness, or has endangered life, or willfully violated any provisions of this title, they shall immediately suspend or revoke his license."

Mr. Isbrandtsen, only a few hours earlier, had repeated to the United Press his often rejected demand that the United States protect his ships from what, he pointed out, the United States regards as an illegal blockade.

He said that only his line is protecting American trade interests in Communist China, which now includes virtually all of the coast mainland. He asked, "If we give up our trade, who is going to give it back to us?" United Press.

## The general election issue

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If the use in the cost of living tends to exceed the expected margins which can be ascribed to post-devaluation effects—he will probably press for an early election and use his influence to persuade them to suspend their claims until the election is over.

However, it will ultimately rest with Mr. Attlee to decide on the date and for Mr. Morrison, the Party tactician, to organise the election campaign.

This time Mr. Morrison will have a much harder task than in 1945. The Conservative Party under the Chairmanship of Lord Woolton is stronger and better organised than ever before.

Lord Woolton is a shrewd and experienced business man as well as an excellent organiser, and has spent much time during the past three years in re-organising the Conservative Party.

Financially, the Party is also stronger than ever before, and has great support from big business and private banking. All modern methods of publicity and propaganda are utilised by the Tories to attract the floating vote.

Treat attention is paid to youth, and to influencing the young voters who will go to the poll for the first time in 1950.

Youth Groups, Sport Organisations, social groups, lectures and various entertainments are organised by the local Conservative Parties all over the country. Door-to-door canvassing is done in a most efficient manner. Propaganda is carried out within shop queues, and bus queues. Grievances are taken up as a political weapon.

The greatest drawback of the Conservative Party is, of course, its lack of a positive programme, while a general belief that the return of the Conservative Party to power will mean a return of unemployment is perhaps the strongest point in favour of the Labour Party.

Labour has also the advantage over the Conservatives in having at its disposal 8,000,000 Trade Union members and 4,000,000 members of Co-operatives.

However, election results in Britain do not depend on the organised vote of people who always vote either Labour or Conservative, but on the floating votes which amount to more than 5,000,000 and which can sway the election one way or the other.

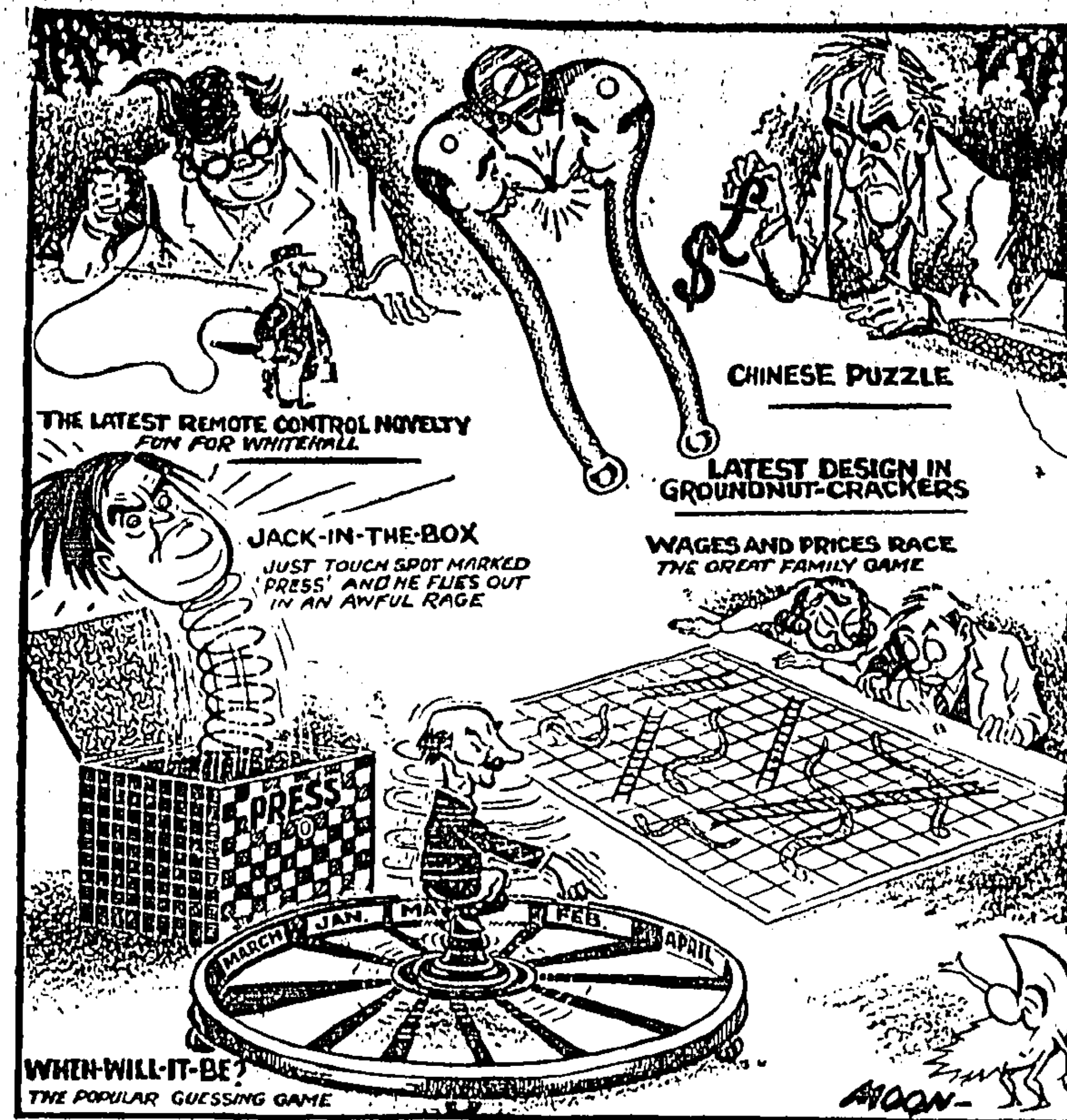
Both parties are aware of this, and both will do their utmost between now and the General Election to win support from this—paramountly important—quarter.

Given up hope  
The Liberal Party. It seems, has given up hope of getting anywhere in this struggle between the two giants. They have decided, however, not to relinquish the field, but will put up independent candidates wherever they have a chance of gaining a seat.

It is difficult to guess how far the third candidate will help either Party. This will vary in accordance with the districts in which polling takes place. Whatever the results the Liberal Party achieve, they do not hope to be as in the past—in a position to act as a balance between the two main Parties.

Political observers believe that whoever wins the election, Conservative or Labour, it will be won with a clear-cut majority, without having to look to the Liberals for a coalition.

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## BRITAIN MAY LOSE FACE

London, December 23.

Lord Vansittart, former Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said on Friday Britain would lose face by recognising Communist China which, he said, may be an accomplished fact before January 24.

Writing to the "Times," Lord Vansittart said there were cogent reasons for recognition, all of which he conceded.

He said: "For example, we have great commercial interests in China, which will profit by a course immediately agreeable to Communism. But how long will they profit?"

He said there are already signs that Chinese trade will be oriented by Moscow, and asked: "Shall we help the Kremlin and then be pushed aside? Shall we build up hostile countries until they can fight against us? We did this in the cases of Germany and Japan, and it is just as unwarrantable to assume that Communism will not go to war, as it was in the case of Nazism."

Meanwhile, the "Daily Herald," organ of the British Labour Party, said that the recognition of China may be put off until the Colombo conference next month in order to try to get concerted action. The paper said: "The new governments in Australia and New Zealand have not yet been able to give the matter adequate consideration."

Authoritative quarters in London reiterated that, from the British viewpoint, there is no need for further discussion on the recognition of Communist China, and that the Colombo conference agenda did not include the question of recognition.—United Press.

## Russia indicts Japs on "germ war" charge

London, December 24.

Russia has indicted 12 Japanese Army officers on charges of plotting to use germ warfare in World War II, radio Moscow said today.

The man listed as chief plotter, identified by the radio as Lieutenant General Isii Siro of the Japanese Medical Corps, was not named in the indictment. He was described as well known in Japan as the ideologist of bacteriological warfare.

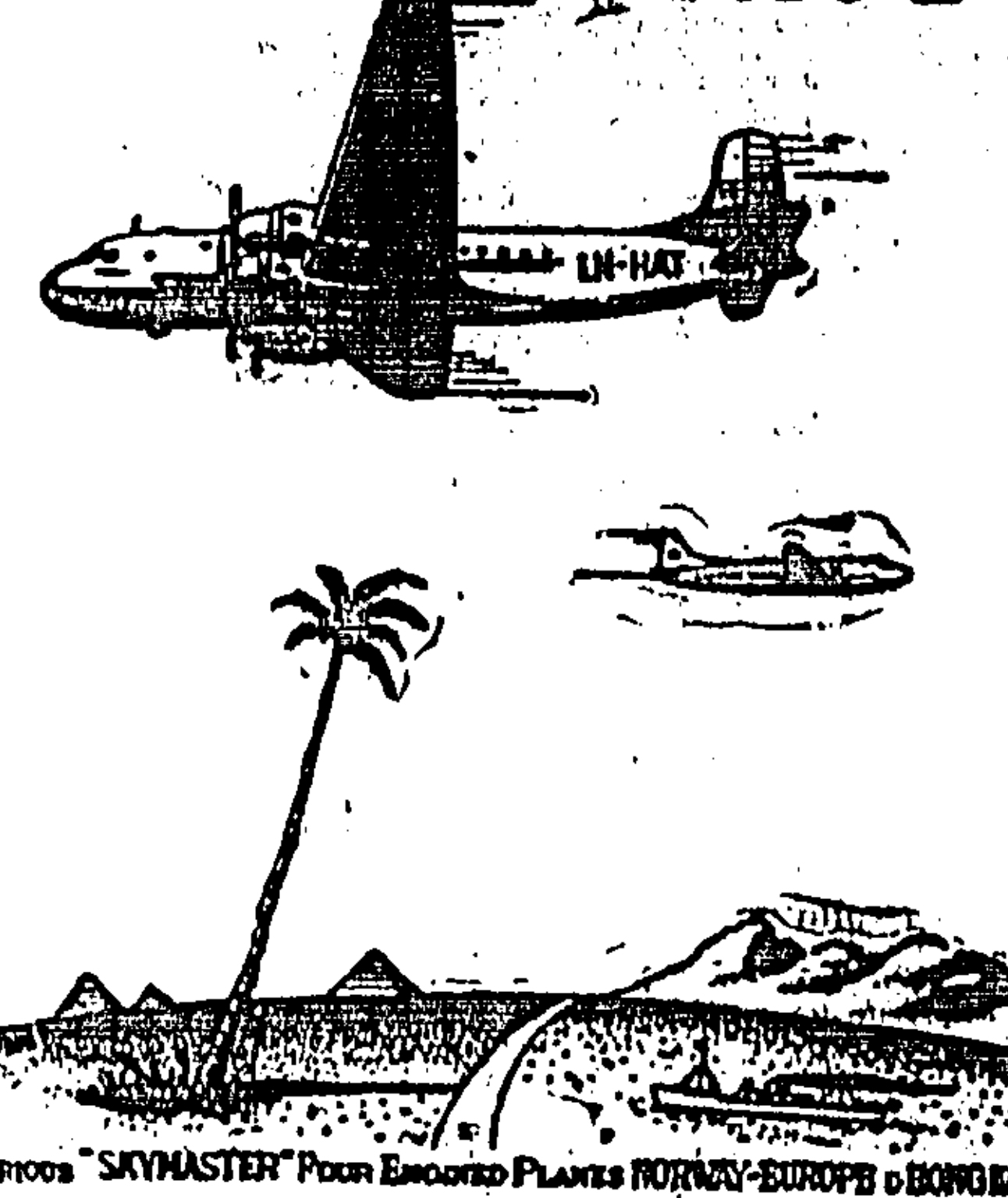
The broadcast did not say whether the men were held prisoners by the Soviet, nor where or by what court they were indicted. Russia took several hundred thousand Japanese as prisoners during the war.

The radio asserted that evidence gathered from Major General Kawashima Kioi, also of the Japanese Medical Corps, showed that two absolutely secret formations for germ warfare were set up in Manchuria under secret instructions from Emperor Hirohito in 1935.

Soviet investigation also revealed, the radio said, a bacteriological laboratory, headed by General Siro, was established in Manchuria.

Research in his laboratory, radio Moscow said, aimed at application of bacteria of acute infectious diseases. The Soviet broadcast said the formal charge, preparations and application of the bacteriological weapon, was a crime provided for by article one of the decree of the President of the Supreme Soviet of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics of April 19, 1943.

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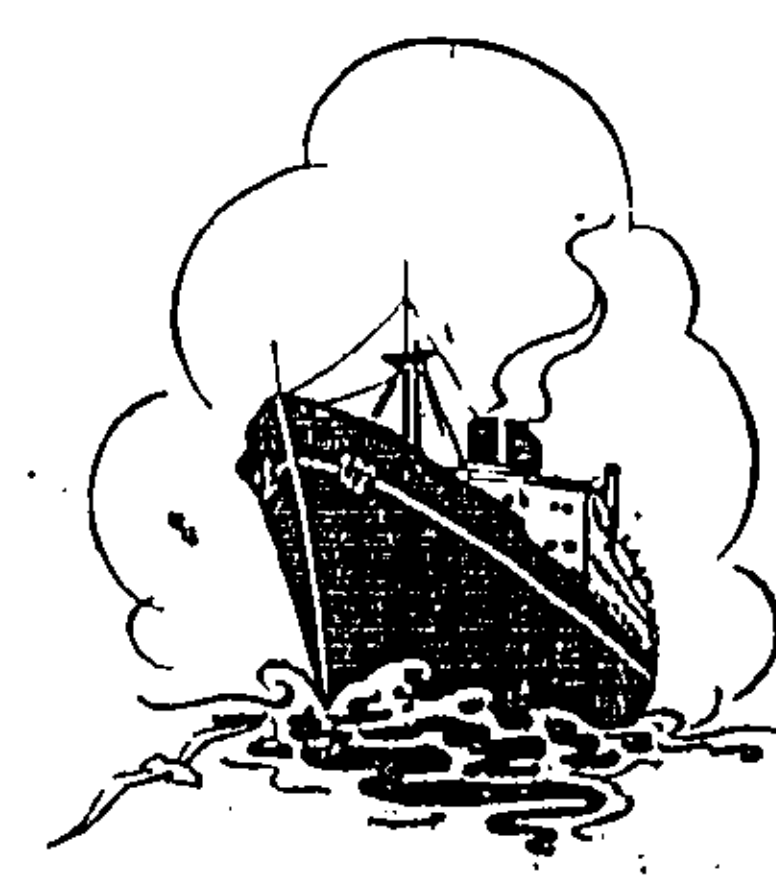
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## Fabian of the yard — No. 7

# THE ANTIQUIS KILLER CAUGHT

By Supt. Robert Fabian

Alec de Antiquis had been  
dead two weeks and he was  
still unavenged. I sat and  
wondered: "What next?"I had given the order for Harry  
Jenkins to go free. I knew the  
arrogant young "King of Borsal"  
was one of those three masked  
gunmen who had murdered Anti-  
quus in Charlotte street.But there was not enough evi-  
dence to charge him.  
We had found the murder-gun  
in the Thames estuary mud at  
Wapping. Nothing yet linked it  
with Jenkins.Twenty-seven men and women  
had seen the three masked gun-  
men run from Jay's jewellers.  
Twenty-two of these witnesses  
saw Antiquis fall shot as he tried  
to stop the escape.None of these witnesses could  
now identify Jenkins as one of  
the men behind the masks.Two young men had hurried  
into nearby offices just after the  
murder. A raincoat and scarf-  
mask were found hidden in these  
offices. The raincoat was traced  
to Jenkins. But it was still not  
enough yet to charge him.

### We shadowed them

So I let him go. I knew that,  
for all his cocksure smile, fear  
provoked the stomach of the young  
King of Borsal.I put a detective to shadow  
him.Two more of my men were also  
unobtrusively following his gang-  
ster pals, Geraghty and Rolt, who  
after a little while met Jenkins  
in a public-house at Clerkenwell.  
All three appeared nervous, edgy,  
apprehensive, talked in whispers.  
After Jenkins had been released  
for a full day and night, I sent  
a policeman to ask him to come  
and make a statement about that  
raincoat. I sent for his sister, too.  
She had tried to shield Jenkins  
with the story that the raincoat  
was one her husband lost in the  
Green Man tavern. I wanted to  
study them together.Jenkins had spent that  
silent night not merely worry-  
ing. He had been scheming. The  
law needed a victim. He would  
help us find one.He sat with his sister opposite  
my desk, and said boldly: "Let  
us tell Mr. Fabian who I lent the  
coat to."Jenkins lit a cigarette. His  
fingers were steady and the  
match flame did not flicker.They both began to talk, and  
out of the statements came a  
name—Bill Walsh. "We saw him,"  
said Jenkins. "about a week ago  
in Southend. He's knocking  
around with a girl who works in  
a cafe there."I was amazed. Jenkins was a  
crook, a thief, a gangster. But he  
had never betrayed a comrade.  
And this was a dangerous be-  
trayal. The man who had that  
raincoat last was the likely mur-  
derer.

### The man who vanished

Bill Walsh we knew. I sent for  
his file from Criminal Record  
Office. He was a convict on licence  
—had already broken his parole  
failed to report to the police.I took my team, Chief Inspector  
Higgins and Detective Inspector  
Hodge, to Southend. We sat anddrank tea in Southend police  
station while we looked through  
the bulky pages of the police  
routine, books in which all the  
events of the town were record-  
ed.Did you realise the police al-  
ways have their eye on you?  
Each time in your life when  
you have said: "It's all right,  
officer, was only..." and the  
constable, after listening, has  
touched his helmet and walked  
on, the constable didn't forget.  
He put it down in the Occurrencesshop in Queensway, London, W. 2,  
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FABIAN ON THE PROWL

has one. The Southend Occur-  
rence Book. Every town police sta-  
tion has one. It did not disappoint  
us.It told us that on April 25 at  
9.40 p.m. P.C. Frederick Jauncey  
reported the suspicious behaviour  
of two young men in a telephone  
kiosk. He took particulars from  
the two young men, who gave  
their names as Christopher James  
Geraghty and Michael Joseph  
Gilliam.There was another entry which  
said on April 26, at 7.15 a.m.  
P.C. James Bunn found a loaded  
.445 revolver in some shrubbery  
near the pier.We searched Southend's cafes  
for the waitress and went to  
talk with her parents. Her father  
told us Bill Walsh had been in  
Southend on April 25—with Jen-  
kins."Suddenly Bill Walsh seemed  
to disappear. Nobody knew where  
he'd gone," said the father. "Then  
Jenkins said Walsh had double-  
crossed him, and something about  
getting his revenge."I exchanged quick glances with  
Chief Inspector Higgins. We had  
an idea what that might signify.  
Walsh and Jenkins must have  
done a robbery together, and  
Walsh had run off with the loot!For the rest of the day we  
went carefully through every  
cupboard and loose floor-board  
in every house in Southend where  
Walsh was known to have had  
friends.In one house we were lucky.  
We found two watches—stolen in  
an armed hold-up of a jeweller'sshop in Queensway, London, W. 2,  
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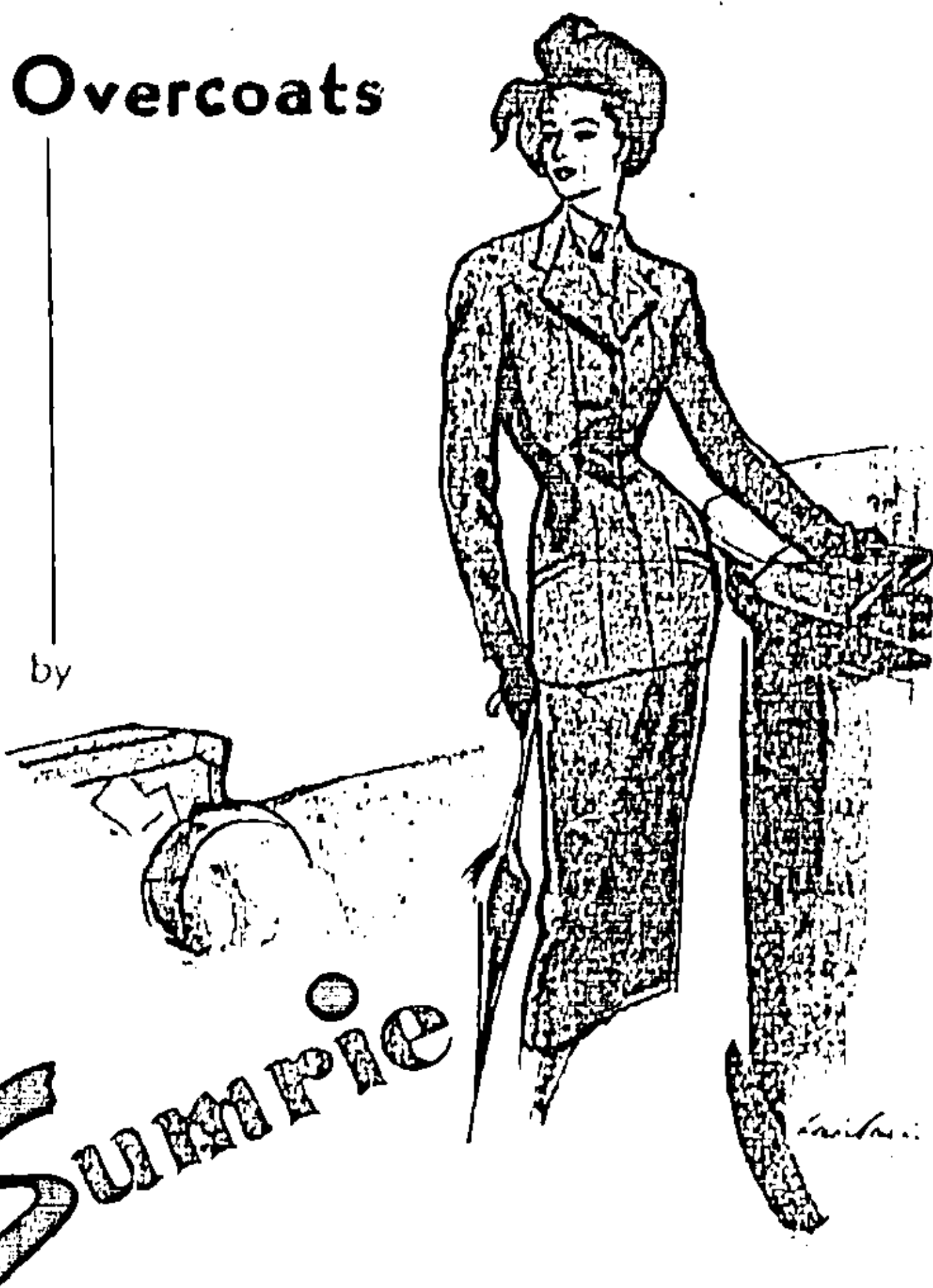




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## Do you know your furs?

Here's a practical guide to furs within the price range of the girl on a budget, and notes on their care, compiled with the aid of a first-class furrier. If you are thinking of buying a fur garment, read this page for suggestions.

**Rabbit:** May be treated in two ways, called respectively long-haired lapin and coney. Both effects are extremely smart and give quite a luxurious appearance, dyed browns, beiges, greys.

**Coney:** is slightly softer, maybe a little easier to style. Remember, the styling is extremely important—wide sleeves, a large soft collar, fullness in the skirt make a world of difference here.

**Lamb:** At the moment extremely popular for travel wear because of its weight and warmth. Left white, it is smart, but needs cleaning. May be treated in a variety of ways. The Krimmer is most particularly a good one.

A Krimmer-treated grey lamb coat looks very like a Persian lamb. Other smart colours lamb responds to are black, brown, pretty rosewoods.

**Deervine:** Shorn lamb, practically treated like beaver soft and brown, with a lustrous sheen made up with a flare back, balloon sleeves and big collar or hood is smart and practical for travel wear.

**Marmot:** A flat, rich brown,udson fur, in a slightly more expensive price group.

**Persian:** Rather like marmot, only with a softer, shorter hair.

**Persian Claw:** A black soft, flat curled fur with a most luxurious appearance, made from Persian Lamb claws, the skins forming beautiful patterns when made up.

**Musquash:** A full-length coat of this tested oldtimer, which at the moment is just as practical as ever, but not as fashionable.

**Shorser:** Waist, hip, knee-length garments giving you the most fashion and practical value at minimum cost would be:

**Indian Lamb:** A soft grey flat curled fur, extremely smart, with an expensive appearance.

**Ocelot:** This is baby leopard skin, with high fashion prestige, but suits only certain types.

**Australian Watermole:** This fur runs through many qualities, but well-made and dyed can give an amazing appearance of mink.

**Fox:** May be worn as natural bleached white, dyed cochen, beige, brown.

**Silver Fox:** It's fashion popularity has waned somewhat lately, but it is still one of the loveliest, most becoming furs.

### How To Care For Your Furs.

DON'T pack them away for months in camphorwood boxes, tin trunks, cedar chests, calico bags. These are deceptive safeguards. Moths and silver fish may not be able to penetrate from the outside, but if a single moth egg is carefully packed away in the garment, and left for months, your fur will be ruined.

DON'T hang in the sun. Fur, like human hair, must retain its oil to retain its lustre, and sunlight soaks out oil.

DON'T have your fur garment dry-cleaned.

DO leave your fur garment hanging in your wardrobe. You will find it a much more practical way to keep it.

Wipe the walls of the wardrobe with a DDT solution—spraying wastes too much—when necessary.

DO take your garment out for airing—inside or outside in the shade—occasionally. And remember to shake it well. This is very important. Shake it as often as you like.

DO take your furs to a furrier to be cleaned.

DO smooth your furs with a clothes brush before each wear.

## A Merry Christmas to all our Readers



## Seen at the party

By Janet Martin

The party season always brings a flock of new ideas, amusing, outlandish... to add to the gaiety of the party scene.

Here are some of them, seen at recent parties or planned for parties soon to come.

Little initial brooches in bright new paste can be an enormous success if you use them to spell your name, or some reasonable slogan. Pin them in a row along the side of a V neckline, or slanted along the shoulder.

First place goes to a warm but festive party outfit seen the other day—long, wide skirt of canary yellow corduroy, topped by a sheer black wool sweater with high, round neck and an amber choker.

Novel idea for the odd blouse which is so useful in the party season is on the Hungarian style, but with a difference. The embroidery is kept to only one colour instead of the usual mixture, which is most effective. Try black georgette with shocking and embroidery in ice blue; or pastel pink with embroidery in black. Can be ordered locally if you stipulate the colour required.

Lace stole put to new use. This one caught my eye last week—tied round the waist of a plain black frock, ends hanging panel-fashion at the left, the tomato-red lace made a gay splash of colour. Coral earrings and clip at the neckline.

### Stoles again

Stoles again... so feminine, so flattering to bare shoulders. Chiffon to match the dress, but sewn with a scatter of sequins, bright, printed gauze against a

This will keep it groomed and lustrous and lengthen its life.

DO "set" short-haired furs occasionally. Hang on a hanger, damp your clothes brush, shake excess water out so that brush is not wet enough for water to penetrate leather; smooth fur down with brush, "setting" it like one would set hair.

This is particularly effective on collars, cuffs, edges. Leave to dry until next morning; then dry-brush the lustre back.

plain gown, bright Chinese silk lined with satin, very rich, very warm, stoles of all colours, put to many unusual uses, tied over the head or round the waist, tied into bows or folded into panels, but always bringing a note of brightness to the party.

Black satin slippers stitched over with multicoloured bands. Buckles of pearl or paste. Golden bees perched on the toe of your sandals. These are party fancies from the shoe department.

Not yet in Hong Kong, alas, the glamorous new neckings to wear with the shorter evening frocks. Then we shall see the return of the "clocks"... in a much more elaborate version with lace and embroidery effects... and lace heels, lace panels, embroidered motifs.

### Anklet vogues

Meanwhile, the anklet vogue is "in" again—a gold chain, a narrow bracelet or, charming idea, a band of the narrowest black ribbon, tied in a small bow and secured by a tiny clip, or jewelled pin... left ankle only, of course!

Catching up quickly with the latest mode for long, pendant earrings, I saw a lovely pair the other day, made from carved plaques of white jade mounted with gold—quite beautiful and how they would be raved about in Paris!

Short hair? Then wear a party cap, the most frivolous trifle imaginable, beaded or sequined, lined with your brightest piece of paste, embellished perhaps with a puff-ball of flowers or a tuft of feathers.

Mix well... stir into your wardrobe... and use as spice to a Very Happy Christmas!

## Our skirts: up or down?

By Florence Mills

Two prominent French designers have different ideas on the question whether women's knees should or should not emerge from the retirement forced upon them by the new look.

Captain Molyneux, who never went New Look in the strict sense of the word, is showing winter fashions that reach only a scant two inches below the knees—short enough to show them with ease.

Lavin, on the other hand, is still keeping them shrouded in old maidish secrecy by covering them up with skirts that reach to below mid-thigh level.

Molyneux reserves his short skirts mainly for his elegant slender-lined suits. His jackets are either very tight waisted with plenty of soutache or quilted embroidery worked over them, or very brief and rather skimpily cut but types that taper in a little towards the hips.

Practically every model in his collection is double breasted.

Lavin does not show any suits, but shows slim day dresses in turquoise, light tan or cyclamen west that have a bit of drapery leaped across the stomach and across the shoulder-blades. All of them have belts in black patent leather which fit tight to the waist and dip down three or four inches at the back to fit the shape of the hips.

### Black chiffon

Lavin favours black chiffon burgundy and navy blue satin for cocktail dresses with circular-cut skirts and bodices that pouch and balloon out aggressively at the back.

The only full skirts shown by Molyneux are of the ballet variety. He uses them on short evening dresses in candy pink or white tulle.

He couples them with half-moon shaped capes in heavy satin, set with wide, loose-fitting collars that frame the shoulders like a shawl. He secures these capes with wide ends that cross over in front and tie at the back.

Lavin contributes a harmless-looking white tulle number with bouffant skirt and baggy, puffed sleeves falling off the shoulders, but for no apparent reason ties an incredible looking gigantic pussy-cat bow of tulle around the neck.

She designs a hobble-skirted evening dress in black crepe and brightens it with paudy sequin-ettes and long light sleeves of jelly green crepe, speckled with jet embroidery. The long sleeves are detachable.—Associated Press.

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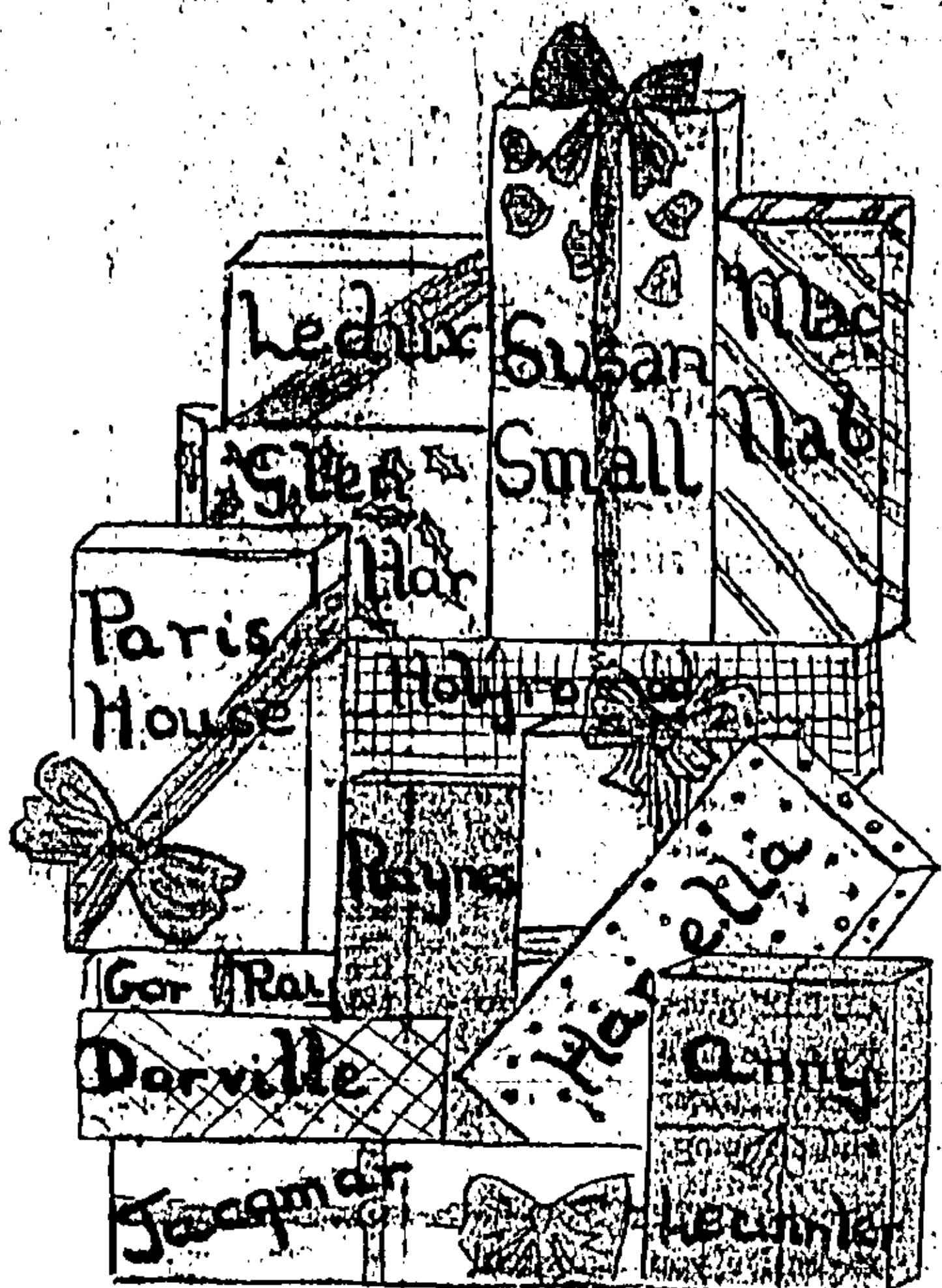
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# A GIFT FOR BEAUTY

By Claudia

Christmas is the time for giving, for good wishes and goodwill. If I were The Christmas Fairy, these would be my gifts:

First, colour, which I think is Beauty's greatest gift. Few of us have learned how to make the best of the infinite possibilities of colour, both in make-up and in clothing, to enhance our personalities.

Colour I believe to be the greatest beautifier of all. So, to all the pale, colourless girls, the dull-skinned, the mousey-haired, the ones who think themselves ordinary and uninteresting, my gift would be an appreciation of colour.

I would teach them to know how a dull face may be transformed, transfigured, by the addition of colour. I would teach them how to use rouge, shadow, lipstick, but especially rouge cleverly and successfully.

I would show how mousey hair can be livened and brightened by modern rinses, how greying hair can be so easily and naturally tinted without the smallest risk of artificiality.

### Fresh colours

I would banish all those beige, drab coloured dresses and bring clear, fresh colours into the wardrobe. Those beiges, so unaccountably beloved by the pale and fair, can come back only when the colour technique of make-up has been truly learned.

To the Plain Jane, my gift would be that nebulous substance called Personality, plus a dash of Confidence. They would become the girls no one could ever forget because they are such good company.

They too could be clever with make-up and set out to make their plain faces interesting if not beautiful. And how much more fun to be a Plain Jane in the

swing of the party than a beautiful statue sitting in the corner! To the really beautiful I would give one tiny packet of Humility, without which Beauty becomes Arrogance. Humility would say who made you beautiful? Well, whoever did, you certainly didn't do it yourself, so don't go taking the credit for something you haven't done. Just be thankful.

Take care of your beauty but do not idolise it if you want to be lovely to know as well as lovely to look at.

### To the young

To the very young I would give a pinch of Poise, not too much, but just enough to dull the edge of those uncertainties and disappointments which can be such a torment.

For all those with special beauty problems, my most useful gift would be Perseverance. When it is a question of weight, to be lost or gained, for instance, many of us give up trying too soon. It is not easy, it can be really hard, but if I could convince you that the reward of increased confidence, improved appearance and better health is well worth the effort, perseverance will do the rest.

And all this is not just wishful thinking, you know. None of these gifts I imagine for you are really fairy tale treasures. They are all gifts which you can give to yourself.

## Am Temple Behind her looks

I fall in love with every good-looking girl I see—that is, I fall in love with her looks. Then I take her out, and always find the occasion more of a pain than the pleasure. And how much more fun to be a Plain Jane in the

This prevents my finding a real girl friend. I mean a friend, I don't want her to be in love with me, and I don't want to be really in love yet.

I am in my twenties, living very happily at home—one of a large, jolly family. But I would like a friend of my own, especially for the new year. That's my problem—AYE.

And it's an old, as the hills—and older. What exactly is this power of beauty? There's an intriguing explanation sometimes given—that it touches off momentarily the memory of a Golden Age deep buried far back in the mists of time when human beings were beautiful as gods and goddesses and lived in Elysian happiness.

Suppose you accept that or something like it. You won't then be so easily swept off your feet, because you understand its nature, and understanding makes control possible.

You can develop an objective admiration—the artist's instinctive selective in your standards of beauty, you will hurry to escape from your present unselective emotional flopping.

Then at last you will be free to look for qualities of mind and temperament—qualities that make for the delights and warmth and comforts of good companionship.

Sorry, you won't be able to do all this in time for Christmas! It's the art of a lifetime, the brilliant art of living.

I don't want to quarrel with a very old friend, but I do object to her daughter.

She tries to steal my daughter's boy friends by sending them in situations and going out of her way to meet them.

If I tell my daughter not to introduce any of her friends to her, is that the right advice to give or is it prompted by jealousy?—WORRIED.

Whatever prompts it isn't good advice. Your girl is open in her friendships, free from the dog-in-the-manger, I don't. A pity to spoil this.

Consciously keeping her boy

friends out of the way brings an element of scheming. Sooner or later the boys sense something and the fat is in the fire. For an aura of danger round a girl is sweet as forbidden fruit, even though she may be only very ordinary pudding.

Let the girls play it their own way. Quarrelling with your old friend would set a shocking bad example, and there's every chance that your daughter would resent your taking sides. It suggests she is not able to hold her own.

There comes a time when parents just have to look on. One thing they can't do is to spread their children's wings for them.

I frequently go to dances and have on several occasions, after a few weeks' acquaintance with a partner, been invited to a cinema show.

How can I tactfully and without hurting his feelings decline these invitations when my only reason is that I do not wish to further the acquaintance?

I can't envisage a previous engagement, and I dislike resorting to fictitious ones.—DOROTHY.

This is where social formulae come in—to facilitate graceful retreats and refusals.

Just as "Not at home" was merely the formal phrase of protection for the hostess and was not to be taken literally, so "I am so sorry, I can't manage it this week" is the formula for refusal.

If any partner is cross enough to make it necessary to repeat it on the next and any subsequent occasion, then the very repetition of the polite formula will make your intention clear.

Of course, it is a rebuff and as such hurts feelings. But given courteously it avoids loss of face and steers clear of insincerity and guile—both in the end hurt feelings far more.

Can a completely sophisticated and experienced young woman so pull the wool over a man's eyes that he believes her to be the exact opposite? Is a man ever so wholly deceived, or is it that he refuses to believe when he is already known to be a B.—

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## Garden brings joy to young blind

For blind children a garden, where the scent and feel of flowers means so much, is a safe place in a difficult world.

Thirteen children, all under the age of seven, moved in the summer into the new Sunshine Home and Nursery School for the Blind at Kingwinford, Worcester, England. One of the most charming features of their new home is the delightful garden where a few days after their arrival they walked with perfect confidence across the lawns and along scented walks.

They were allowed to pick the flowers for their own rooms and they selected them by touch and smell, never trampling on the plants. Each had a favourite bloom and the most popular of all was the rose, for their sensitive fingers soon learned to avoid thorns.

To see the face of a little blind girl light up with joy as she found her favourite rose by feeling the texture of the petals and recognising the perfume, was something the onlooker could not soon forget. Even the drone of bees helped them to find and recognise a special bed of flowers—catnip, for example, soon became known by this means.

This is the sixth of the Nursery schools established by Britain's Institute for the Blind, where the little ones are taught, not only to become physically and mentally equipped for a normal education, but to gain the confidence and independence on which so much happiness depends, even for a sighted person.

But any man of intelligent discernment would know. Even perfect acting fails to disguise a certain look in the eyes—the one that is there just now and again and is gone.

Is there such a thing as an inherited family malarial?

I know one family where every member rubs the skin with the forefinger when agitated. Have they copied each other or inherited this funny trick?—MIN.

It has been the scientific fashion for years to regard this sort of thing as imitation, the result of environment.

But with so much evidence that infants taken away from their parents and never seeing them again often develop one or other parent's mannerisms, it looks as though heredity must make its claim again.

## PRINCESS SEES HATS FOR 1950

Although Princess Margaret, in company with about a hundred other people at a fashionable London hotel, recently watched a parade of hats created for 1950 by London's leading milliners, it was her own hat which stole the show.

This was in black velvet to match her coat, and had a high crown with a trimming of ermine tails hanging like a Hussar's plume.

Teen-age girls and their older sisters keep a close eye on the hat fashions set by both princesses, a fact which places the millinery trade in Britain. For only now is the industry's campaign to persuade women to leave off tying up their heads in turbans having its effect. This was a legacy of the war years and now, when the shops are full of attractive hats, there are fewer turbans to be seen.

Incidentally, it is noticeable that, although both Princess Elizabeth and her sister enjoy wearing pretty hats, they decline to follow the close-cut hair style, for the reason that they both dislike exaggerated fashions.

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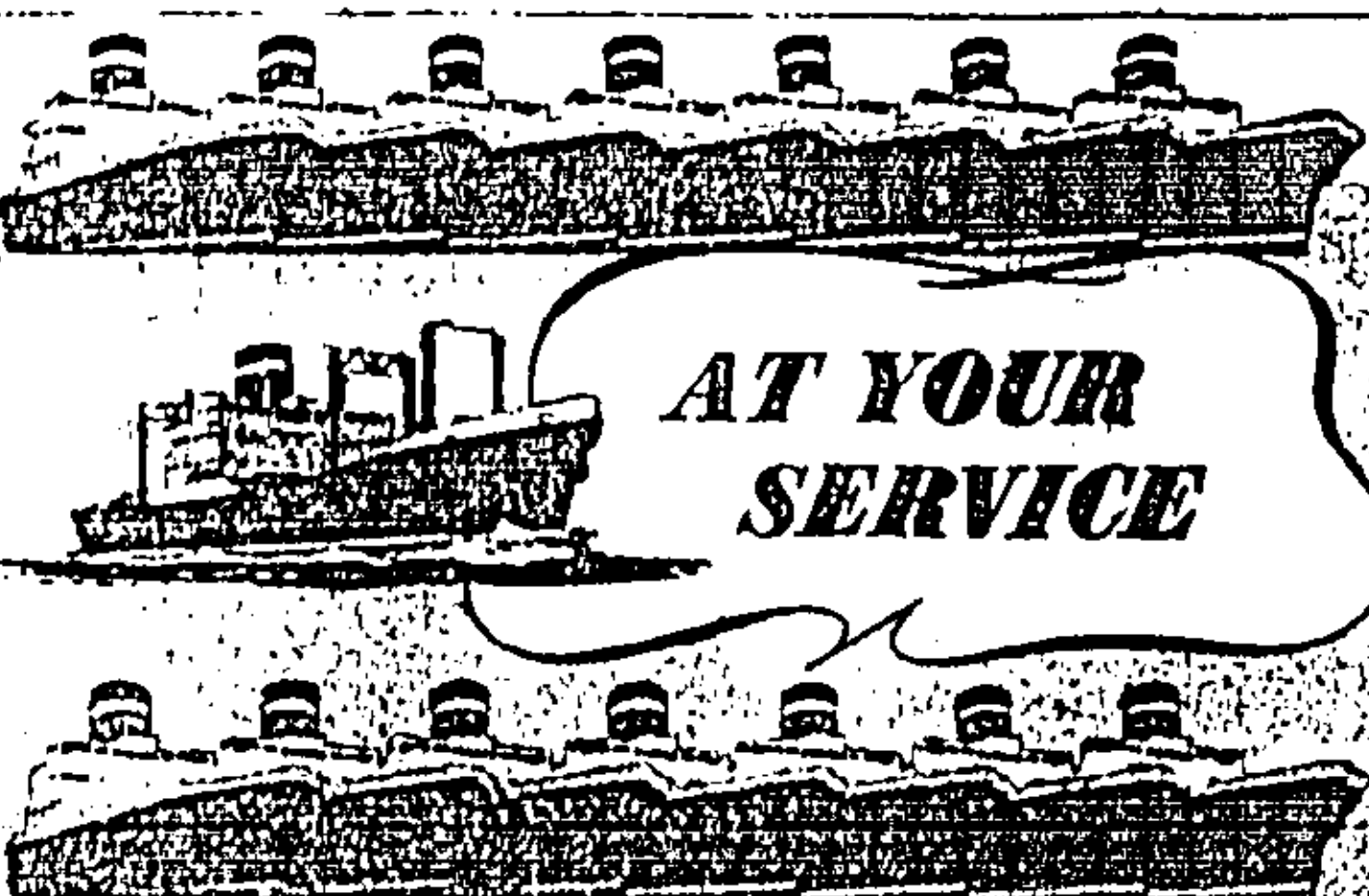
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# COLLECTIVE FARMING BEING CONSIDERED BY INDIAN GOVERNMENT

## APL plans four new vessels

San Francisco, December 23.

The American President Lines today announced plans for early construction of four new modern combination passenger and cargo liners.

The President, Mr. George Killian, also disclosed that the company was studying the possibility of building two fast passenger ships at least 50 per cent larger than the President Cleveland. The four new round the world liners would cost about \$40,000,000.

Mr. Killian said the new ships would be in addition to three V-2000-type luxury liners now under construction at Camden, New Jersey. The proposed new ships would have a cruising speed of 11 knots, with accommodations for 60 passengers and 525,000 cubic feet of cargo space.

Mr. Killian said that when the present ship construction programme was completed, the American President Lines would own 22 fast modern passenger and cargo liners. Associated Press

## Money Market

US dollars opened yesterday at HK\$53.33, and closed at \$53.21.

After dropping to \$52.52, it was put through from HK\$53.50 to \$53.57.

Sterling was stationary at HK\$15.25, as also were Australian pounds at HK\$12.80.

Piastres were nominal at HK\$13.30 a 100.

Tenets at HK\$27 a 100 were unchanged, but NEI Guilders dropped to HK\$21.80 a 100.

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Hong Kong, Dec. 21, 1949.

Bombay, December 24.

Collective and co-operative farming — a revolutionary step in Indian agriculture — is now under consideration by the Indian Government.

This agricultural reform, legislation on which is expected shortly, is intended to encourage mechanised farming as a fresh fillip to the "grow more food" campaign in the country.

The reform also aims at enabling Indian peasantry to hold economic units of cultivable lands, instead of small slices of land under the age-old system of cultivation.

It is understood that the Indian Government, while adhering to private ownership of land by the farmers themselves, wants to introduce scientific farming methods on a co-operative basis.

At present the average Indian farmer, with a holding of five acres or less, is neither able to adopt scientific methods, nor achieve anything substantial by hard labour.

According to the latest official estimates, nearly 80 per cent of the agricultural holdings in the country is less than 10 acres, of which nearly 75 per cent is less than five acres.

The Government will appoint a sub-committee to go into this question of land holdings in the light of recent agrarian developments in the country before legislation is undertaken.

The introduction of large-scale economic agricultural units has been attracting the attention of the Government since the campaign for self-sufficiency in food was launched.

## Recommendation

A conference of secretaries of provincial Agricultural Ministries held in New Delhi recently strongly recommended immediate action in this direction.

The conference further pointed out that the present system entailed enormous waste of energy and labour. The conference also suggested the introduction of co-operative and collective farming according to local conditions in all the Indian provinces.

Concessions and preferences in the supply of seeds, fertilisers, agricultural implements and grants of loans to farmers undertaking co-operative and collective farming will act as an incentive to these methods of farming, in the opinion of the conference. Another advantage in introducing

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# New York Stock Exchange

New York, December 23.  
The stock market held a steady course today. Volume of trading was about 1,500,000 shares. Stocks moving higher included Pan American Airways, American Woolen and Goodyear.

Dow Jones Averages: Stocks 71.05; 20 Industrials 199.86; 10 Rails 51.53; 10 Utilities 41.02.

## Closing quotations:

Adams Express 22 1/2  
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The curb market was moderately active. Cites Service and International Petroleum were higher.

Railroad loans advanced by fractions to around a point in the Board of Trade.—Associated Press.

wages, to the National Arbitration Tribunal.

Theatre managers and the Musicians' Union are to meet next Thursday to discuss the whole problem they stated last night. Meanwhile, contracts will be on a weekly basis at the present rates until now ones are negotiated.—Reuter.

## MUSICIANS CALL OFF STRIKE

London December 23.

A Christmas strike of British musicians, which threatened to deprive more than 50 provincial theatres and music halls of their orchestras, was called off today. The Minister of Labour, Mr. George Isaacs, had described the musicians' strike plan as illegal and referred the dispute, which is over demands for increased

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| "BENMACDHUI" |                     | 27th Jan. |
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| "SHENGKING" | Keelung                                            | 5 p.m. 28th Dec.  |
| "PAKHAI"    | Bangkok                                            | 10 a.m. 29th Dec. |
| "HUPEI"     | Tientsin                                           | 5 p.m. 31st Dec.  |
| "PRODUCE"   | Yokohama, Nagoya                                   | 5 p.m. 1st Jan.   |
| "FUKIEN"    | Osaka & Kobe                                       | 5 p.m. 1st Jan.   |
| "KWEIYANG"  | Yokohama, Nagoya                                   | 5 p.m. 1st Jan.   |
| "SZECHUEN"  | Osaka & Kobe                                       | 5 p.m. 1st Jan.   |
| "FOOCHOW"   | Singapore, Penang & Belawan                        | 1st Week Jan.     |
|             | Bangkok                                            | 8th Jan.          |
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| "PAKHAI"    | Kobe & Keelung     | 7 a.m. 29th Dec. |
| "PRODUCE"   | Bangkok            | 7 a.m. 29th Dec. |
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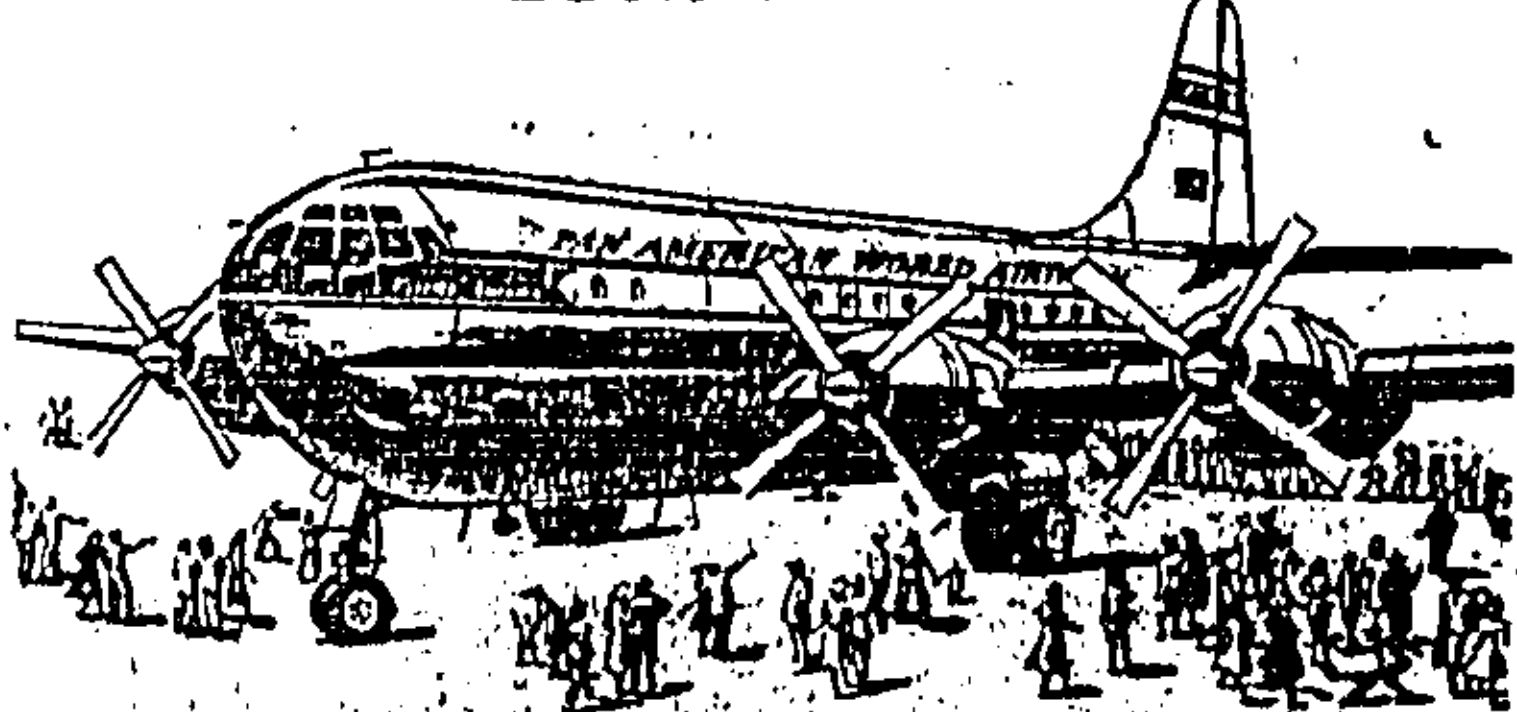
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### "Doc" Molthen GOM of softball



Amid the fading echoes of the collective noises of the Glorious Fourth celebrations, a feeble cry emitting from the latest addition to the Molthen clan was heard on July 5, 1933, at the town of Hubbard in the State of Michigan.

Francis Joseph Molthen, D.C., Ph.D., sixth of a family of nine children, and who answers to the call of "Doc" by the softball fraternity, has done much for local softball, and is the only one to enjoy the distinction of having served on the Committee ever since the Association was founded.

This is the third consecutive year he has been voted to the Chair.

By profession, Dr. Molthen is a chiropractor having attained his degree at the Palmer Institute of Chiropractic.

Like any full-blooded American, Doc took up the national pastime seriously in his youth.

He first played for the Copper Country League and at the age of 18 broke into the Commercial Loop at Wisconsin, later making the grade in the State League.

## Permanent berth

Doc first set foot on these shores in late 1936 when the local baseball season was just over, but in the following year, he worked his way into a permanent berth with the Hong Kong Baseballers, and has always played for that team since.

The year 1937 also saw the founding of the softball Association, and Doc has put his heart and soul into promoting this sport.

Softball owes a lot to Doc Molthen who, in the few years he has been in the Colony, has made a host of friends many people would envy.

At the conclusion of the War, softball replaced baseball in popularity and for sentimental reasons, Doc named his own softball squad after the Baseballers, and takes pride in the fact that his outfit won the first post-war championship.

## A creditable game

Those who think that the energetic bone-setter's playing days are over will be surprised.

Only last week Doc pitched a creditable game against the strong Paks team, and was only beaten after eight innings.

Doc Molthen is not only an ardent ball player and fan, but is also a very keen boatman, and is not exactly a novice at angling.

Doc's popularity may be summed up in the fitting sobriquet which has been tagged on to him by ball fans, as the "Grand Old Man of Softball."

## The follow-on loser along the cushion

(By "PYRAMID")

Imagine yourself in the last stage of a break. You have lost your opponent's white, and now, to make matters more complicated, the red, after a powerful loser, has come to rest against the top half of one of the side cushions.

A good snooker man would undoubtedly go for a top pocket pot, thereby leaving the cue ball in the top half of the table; but if this is missed, both balls would be left close together with your opponent to strike.

With the aid of the follow-on loser, you have the choice of continuing your break with red ball play or, at least, a double bank, which comes in very useful in match play.

If you have enough side on your cue ball, you will find that it will swerve to that side and strike the red nearly full ball.

The red will immediately roll out of your path, and the combined top and side will take effect, causing the cue ball to turn in the direction of the side and strike the cushion.

If you have used sufficient top, it will roll along the cushion, possibly making two or more impacts and eventually be driven by side into the right hand top pocket.

Even the best of players, when having to apply maximum side, find that they strike the cue ball too hard; if this occurs in this case, the red will cross the bank line, and if you are playing on a fast table, may possibly cross back, and give you a chance of continuing your break.

If you are able to impart maximum side without playing too hard, all well and good, do so, and will rarely lose your object ball, but if the roll is against you, and the red comes to rest in bank, well—what is better than a double bank to worry your opponent?

## The effects of side

"English" more commonly known as "side," was discovered by an Englishman named John Carr, at Bath, in 1825.

He demonstrated the various effects of striking the cue ball other than in the centre, and attributed these to the fact that he had discovered a formula for the making of a special type of chalk.

Within a month, he had received over a thousand orders for this special chalk, which he was selling most profitably, at ten shillings per box.

This carried on for some months, until at last, one of his "followers" in the North of England ran out of the "magic powder." Consequently, he found out that the effects were just as powerful by using ordinary billiard chalk.

On hearing this, Carr knew that his game was up, and a few weeks later, arranged a special exhibition in which, he fully explained hundreds of his theories on the various uses of side.

With the profit he had made on the sale of the chalk, he erected a public billiard hall in Bath, and kept this going until his death several years later, after which

the hall was converted into a Public House known as "The Spinning Ball."

## Elementary stages

If John Carr (or anyone else for that matter), had never discovered the effects of side, I feel sure that newcomers to the game would make much quicker progress in the elementary stages, although it must be admitted that this discovery has helped considerably in the making of many professional players of today.

A question often asked by beginners is, "What side must I use to pot this ball?" The working alone which shows that they think side must be used in each and every scoring stroke.

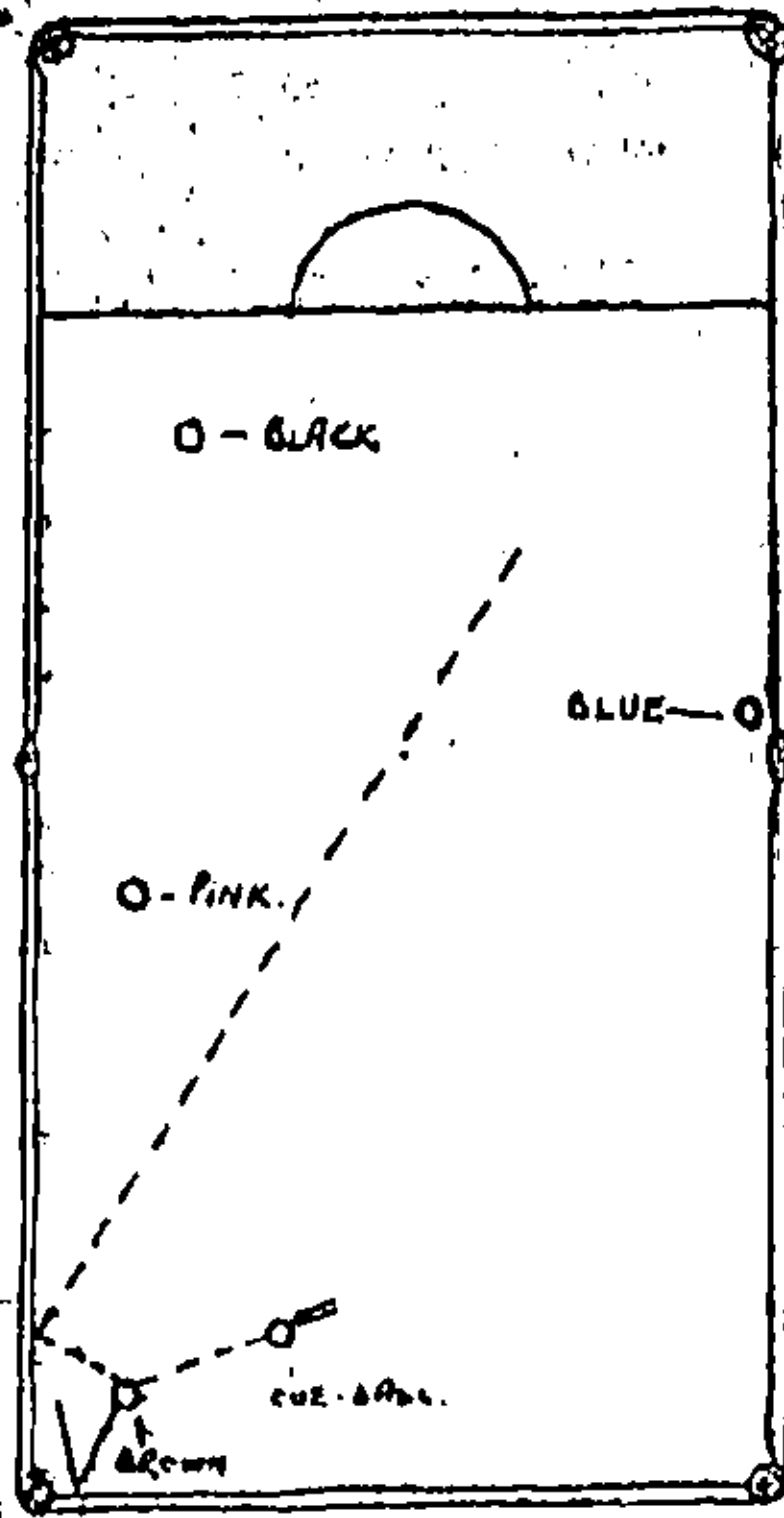
This type of player must realise that it is possible to pot a ball from anywhere on the bed of the table without the use of side, and that side should be used only where it is absolutely necessary, e.g. for positional play; to prevent a losing hazard, etc.

In a slightly higher class than the player previously mentioned, we get the player who knows when to use side, but who does not use it correctly.

For example, he will get down and 'cue up' several times, and then, before actually making the stroke, on realising that he needs side, will apply it without making the necessary alteration in the angle, i.e. making no allowance for the effects of the side.

## Principal effect

The principal effect will be to swerve the cue ball in the direction of the side, and you will find that if you strike the cue ball at the angle you normally would, it will strike the object



ball at a different point than expected.

The amount of swerve can be anticipated only after constant practice, and unless you have time to put in these practice hours you will benefit more by leaving side out of your game.

## Main points

It is most important that you know exactly what you intend doing before you get down to your stroke; the following are the main points to take into consideration:

- (a) The principal object of the stroke.
  - (b) Where you are going to strike the cue ball.
  - (c) The intended point of contact with the object ball.
  - (d) The speed you want the cue ball to travel at.
  - (e) Where you intend the cue ball to come to rest.
- With these five important points in mind when you play the stroke, the results should be most satisfactory, and you will find that after constant practice, you will be able to forget about the questions, as the answers will automatically combine to form the stroke in your mind before you play it.

The following diagram illustrates the result when a player does not allow for the swerve when applying side to the cue ball.

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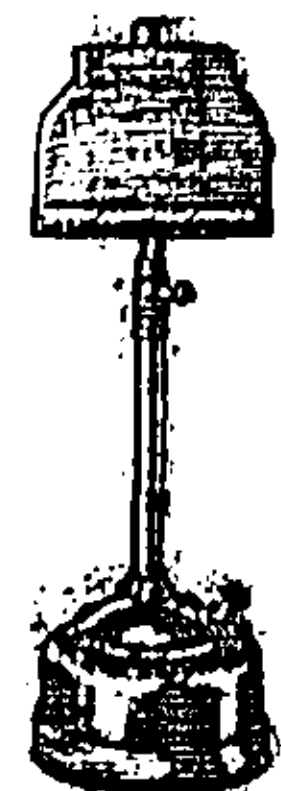


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## Licence for rifles refused

Washington, December 23.  
 The State Department revealed that it has refused a licence to the Dring Engineering Company of New York for the export of 100,000 rifles to China.

The State Department spokesman, Mr. Michael McDermott, told the Press that this action was taken on December 9 on the grounds that the licence could not be granted unless the Company had the material in hand. He said the application showed no definite source from which the rifles would be obtained. He added that the Chinese Nationalist Government had never requested the rifles in question, and there was no indication that the firm represented that government.

Mr. McDermott said the United States is allowing Nationalist China to purchase arms here with its own money. The \$125 million, allocated by Congress for that purpose, have been exhausted.

Press reports were published here that the rifles were destined for Taiwan. Mr. McDermott refused to comment on the statement made by the President on Thursday that Taiwan was a part of Nationalist China. One reporter pointed out that some U.S. senators had said the island was a part of Japan. Mr. McDermott would only say that the island is presently occupied by Chinese Nationalist forces.

## PI Campaign against Moros

Manila, December 24.  
 Philippine Air Force planes cascaded drums of flaming petrol into forests of Eastern Jolo Island in an effort to force remnants of the Moro outlaw group under Datu (Chief) Kamilton to surrender. Constabulary Headquarters announced today.

Headquarters said large forces of the Constabulary supported by Army artillery, surrounded the outlaw hideouts in the hills in the Tandu Bench-Kamilton Hill area and were pushing towards the flaming Cabbul forest in an effort to end the fighting by the year's end. Previous reports from Jolo said large numbers of Moros were believed to have escaped to other islands.

The Constabulary said the Lunik area where more than 10 of their men were killed in a Moro ambush earlier this month, at present is entirely cleared of outlaws.

The Headquarters announcement estimated 70 Moros have been killed in fighting in the past few days. The figures were mostly based on evidence found in overrun outlaw strongholds and not on a count of bodies.

2.00—Variety Colls. The Tune.  
 4.00—The Novelties Trio.  
 4.30—Trendy.  
 4.40—Vivacity Years.  
 5.00—Music Makers.  
 5.10—Children's Corner.  
 5.30—Music Time.  
 6.00—Radio Horizons.  
 6.30—Theatre Bingers.  
 7.00—B.B.C. News.  
 7.10—Concert Favourites.  
 7.40—Listen to Lullaby.  
 8.00—Harmolen Harmony.  
 8.10—Sunny Kaye and His Orchestra.  
 8.30—Hoffman Request Show.  
 9.00—B.B.C. News.  
 9.10—Local News.  
 9.15—Vincent Lopez.  
 9.30—“Free For All”—An audience participation show.  
 10.00—Reminiscing With Singing Sam.  
 10.10—“The Story of Handel”.  
 11.10—Arthur Askey's Upside Down Christmas.  
 11.45—Standards.  
 12.00—Close Down.

## Optimism on arms aid talks

Washington, December 23.  
 North Atlantic diplomats here today told Reuters that they expected the negotiation of bilateral arms aid agreements between the United States and most of the North Atlantic powers to be concluded very quickly.

These are the agreements involving down the conditions under which the United States is planning to provide the North Atlantic powers in 1950 with arms and military supplies.

Officials said that it was not possible to make any more precise prediction about when the negotiations would be completed, because most of the Embassies conducting them here were awaiting the reaction of their Governments to the latest United States proposals.

Britain has still not commenced detailed negotiation of the terms of the agreement. She has first been seeking to reach an agreement with the United States on certain basic principles of Britain's role in the programme.

French officials declined to predict the conclusion of the negotiations between France and the United States, although these are known to be very much more advanced than the Anglo-American agreement.

In fact, it is believed here that it was the success of the French in negotiating revised proposals which cleared the way for the new United States proposals for the British agreement under consideration in London.

The Norwegian, Danish and Benelux Embassies here are also awaiting instructions from their Governments on the new United States proposals, but it is understood that only minor technical points remained to be settled.

Officials expressed some doubt whether these could be cleared up within a week because of the intervention of the Christmas holidays.

## JAVANESE ARMY IN BATAVIA

Batavia, December 22.  
 About 1,100 troops of the Siliwangi Division, the Indonesian Republic's best guerrilla unit, moved without incident into Batavia from West Java this afternoon.

An Indonesian force of 8,000 troops is due to arrive in the city by train and lorry before Christmas Day, Republic Army headquarters announced today.

The Republican Army is to play a football match in Batavia on Christmas Day against the Dutch Army which five months ago was their enemy.

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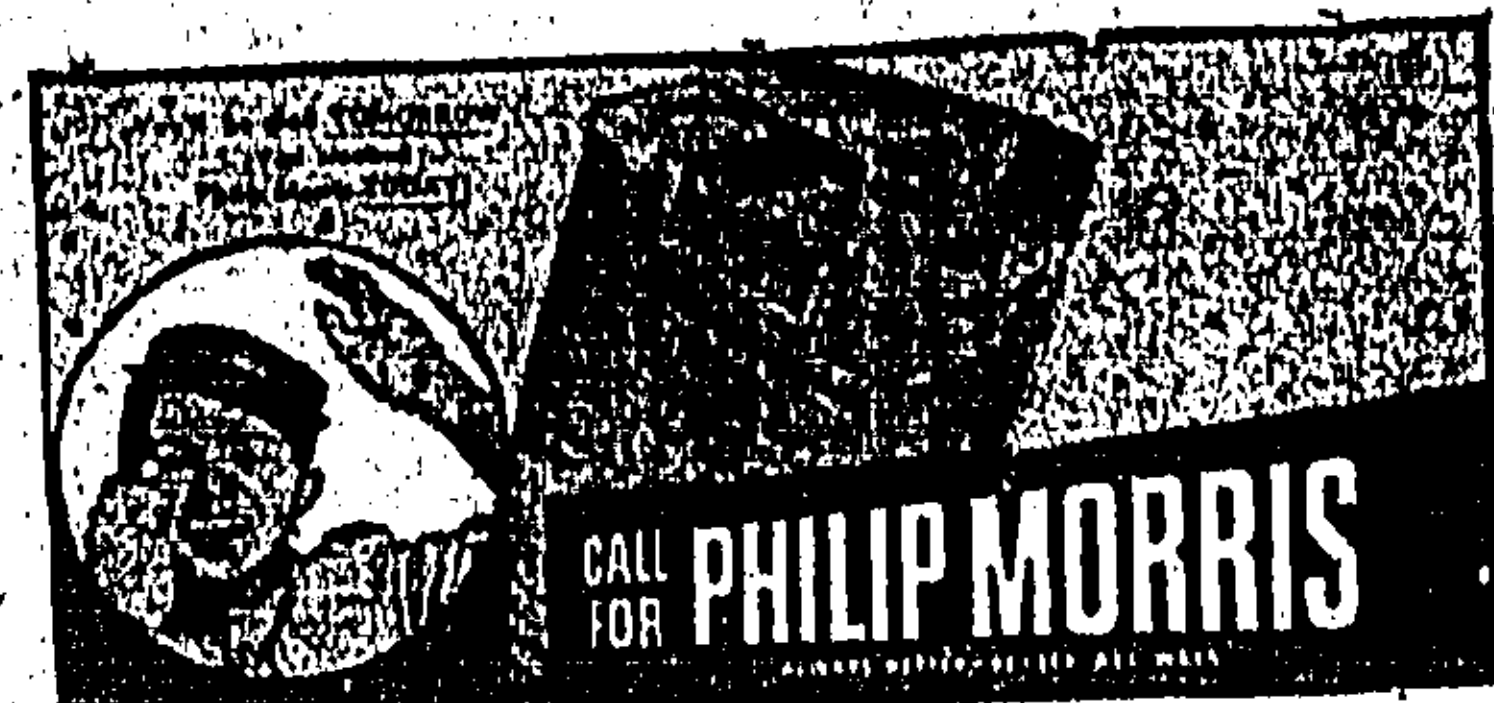
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# SUNDAY HERALD SPORTS SECTION

HONG KONG, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1949.



## Commandos beat KMB 5-3 to cause biggest upset of current soccer season

The biggest upset of the current soccer season took place at Sookunpoo yesterday, when the Commandos, after being two goals down in the first five minutes of their First Division League game against Kowloon Motor Bus, fought back strongly to win by five goals to three.

The victory of the Commandos has not only ruined all hopes which might have been entertained by the busmen of overtaking Kit Chee in the Championship race, but has placed the latter in an almost unassailable position.

Club, who entertained the Royal Navy at Happy Valley, scored a well-deserved victory over the sailors, winning by three goals to one.

Chinese Athletic, who were expected to have an easy time against the Royal Air Force at Boundary Street, were rather lucky to share four goals and two points with the Airman, who gave an exceptionally good display.

South China, playing at home, almost dropped a point in their game against Kwong Wah, who fielded only nine players.

The game, which proved to be a one-sided affair, ended in a win for South China by two goals to one.

**Commandos 5—KMB 3**

In a First Division League soccer game at Sookunpoo yesterday, Kowloon Motor Bus received a rude shock when they were beaten by the Commandos by five goals to three.

The Commandos fully deserved their victory. They played well to a man and Locker, between the sticks, gave an exceptionally good display.

The first half produced some really fast and interesting football, but the game deteriorated badly towards the later stages when the Chinese resorted to doubtful tactics with the result that several players had to leave the field for attention.

From the kick-off, the Chinese attacked strongly and within three minutes drew blood through Lee Chun-fat, who beat Locker with a hard drive from close quarters.

Before the Commandos could settle down, the Chinese again scored through Lee Tai-fat, cutting in from the left, netted an easy goal from a pass from the right.

Two goals down in five minutes, the Commandos fought back pluckily and made several thrusts into the Chinese area. On one of these raids, Hunt slipped down the left on a pass and, drawing Tam

Kwan-kon out of his charge, swung the ball to West for the latter to net.

Within a minute, the Commandos almost drew level, but Watson had the misfortune to see his header skim the crossbar. However, Hunt made amends almost immediately when he forced the equaliser after a scrum.

**Commandos rewarded**

Both teams then strove hard to take the lead with the Commandos more on the aggressive. They were rewarded soon after through Watson, who bent Tam Kwan-kon with a neat effort.

Just before the interval, Hunt worked his way down the left and bent Tam Kwan-kon with a rising 'hit' to place his side further in the lead.

The Chinese tried to force the pace after the breather, the Commandos defenders managed to hold their own.

After a period of defensive play the Commandos were at it again and Tam Kwan-kon had his hands full coping with shots from all angles. The pressure proved too much for him and he succumbed later to a head from Raybold.

From then on, the game deteriorated as the Chinese resorted to doubtful tactics and the referee's whistle was heard constantly.

Towards the end of the game Lee Chun-fat slipped past the defenders on a pass and managed to beat Locker with a hard drive from the left.

**Commandos: Locker; Wheatley; Lewens; Watt; Hayes; Siggers; Davies; West; Watson; Hunt and Raybold.**

**KMB: Tam Kwan-kon; Lee Ping-nam; Tam Chun-fat; Tang Sun; Hung Hing-yuk; Pung Kwan-shing; Lee Chun-fat; Chau Man-chi; Tang Yee-Kit; Tam Woon-chun and Lee Tai-fat.**

**Club 3—Royal Navy 1**

Hong Kong Football Club did exceedingly well yesterday to beat a strong Royal Navy XI by

### RESULTS AT A GLANCE

| FIRST DIVISION |   |            |   |
|----------------|---|------------|---|
| Commandos      | 5 | KMB        | 3 |
| Club           | 3 | Royal Navy | 2 |
| Chinese AA     | 2 | RAF        | 1 |
| South China    | 2 | Kwong Wah  | 1 |

| SECOND DIVISION |   |              |   |
|-----------------|---|--------------|---|
| Newa Vendora    | 8 | University   | 0 |
| Kit Chee        | 3 | Chinese AA   | 1 |
| Talkoo          | 1 | Prisons      | 7 |
| RAF             | 2 | Solicitors   | 1 |
| Royal Navy      | 4 | Police       | 0 |
| PCA             | 6 | St. Joseph's | 2 |
| Club            | 1 | Dockyard     | 1 |
| Eastern         | 2 | South China  | 2 |
| Army            |   |              |   |

three goals to one in a First Division League soccer match at Happy Valley.

By their display, Club certainly deserved their victory, as they showed better cohesion in their play. Their defence wasted no time in tackling while their forwards combined well.

Wider, inside-right for Club, gave a very good display and was always a source of worry to the Navy defenders. Although he missed a penalty in the second half, he crowned a good afternoon's work by netting two capital goals.

**A splendid display**

Chisholm, in the Navy goal, again gave a splendid display. He had no chance with the shots that beat him.

Navy started to attack eight minutes after the start and took the lead, in the first three minutes. Spencer, but who had the goal at his mercy from two yards range, crashed the ball against the crossbar.

Club opened the scoring after 15 minutes play when Tozer failed to connect a centre from Main and Widger quickly seized upon the opportunity to beat Chisholm with a neat cross shot.

Undaunted by this reverse Navy forced the pace of the game and Spencer nearly netted with a header, but he was ruled out by Broome, who guarded, and had the tee the field.

He returned later, receiving a good centre from Bull, equalised with a header.

At half-time, the score was 1-1. The second period saw Club dominate the attacking and Chisholm was time and again called upon to clear his charge.

The Club were awarded a penalty for "hands" and Widger, who was entrusted with the kick, failed to convert. Chisholm brought off a brilliant save.

A neat beat of passing between Hardwick and Widger resulted in the latter giving the Club. The lead with a brilliant cross shot.

Just before the Navy defence to beat Chisholm with a rasping shot to give Club a well-earned victory.

**Club: Brown, Roberts, Barber, Mullen, Riley, Strange, Barclay, Widger, Hardwick, Main and Bickford.**

**Navy: Chisholm, Edge, Tozer, Dearsley, Thompson, Gillam, Sharpe, Daley, Spencer, Spears and Bull.**

**RAF 2—CAA 2**

Chinese Athletic were very lucky to come away from Boundary Street with a point in their First Division League soccer encounter with the RAF yesterday, which ended in a draw, each side scoring twice.

For more than 50 minutes of the full 70 minutes of actual play, the Chinese were penned in their half of the field and it was only due to the excellent display put up by Yu Kai-yan, their custodian, that only two goals were scored against them.

The Chinese backs also played a good game, although they were inclined to miskick when under pressure.

The CAA forwards were well held by the speedy RAF backs, although Tam Chung-shing, right-winger, broke through on several occasions.

**Morrow outstanding**

Of the RAF players, inside-right, Morrow, played an outstanding game and seemed to be all over the field. He gave the Chinese backs and goals a very harrowing afternoon, as he also played a dazzling game as leader of the RAF attack.

Richardson, the Airman's custodian, played a sound game throughout, except for a costly momentary slip which resulted in a goal being scored against his side. The speedy goal against the RAF was from the penalty spot and Richardson could not be blamed for not saving it.

Overall play was very scrappy and the RAF forwards swarmed all over the Chinese territory from the opening whistle. However,

## The victors and the vanquished



Top photo shows HMS Concord's XI which beat HMS Jamaica's XI (lower photo) in the Final of the Royal Navy December Soccer Knockout Competition by two goals to one at Causeway Bay on Friday. ("China Mail" Photo).

ever, they could not find the net with their shots and the first half ended without any goals being scored.

**A crowd of players**

On resumption, Morrow obtained possession of the ball from Aitchison and scored on his second try after his first shot was stopped on the goal line by a crowd of players.

Two minutes later, Wilkinson scored but was ruled off-side. In the 15th minute, Tam Chung-shing received a clearance and made a dash up the sidelines. He veered in towards the goal and shot in a high shot. Richardson got his hands to it, but it slipped over his head into the goal for the equaliser.

The RAF continued to press, but Yu Kai-yan was in grand form. Five minutes from time Morrow scored from a pass by Studd.

The crowd began to leave, but three minutes from time Townsend accidentally handled the ball in the RAF goal area.

Wu Chiu-chong scored from the spot to again equalise the score at 2-2.

The closing minutes of the game found the Chinese goal being subjected to attack after attack, but the defence managed to hold out till the final whistle.

**RAF: Richardson; Cross; Wilson; Butcher; Jenkins; Townsley; Aitchison; Morrow; Nicholson; Wilkinson; Studd.**

**CAA: Yu Kai-yan; Ko Lai-ming; Lui Shu-pang; To Ho-ku; Mou Cheung-wing; Leung Ping-sun; Tam Chung-shing; Kwok Cheuk-chong; Wu Chiu-chong; Lin Ping-yan; Fong Kwok-yuen.**

**S. China 2—Kwong Wah 1**

In a one-sided First Division League soccer game at Caroline Hill yesterday, South China beat Kwong Wah by two goals to one. Kwong Wah, although fielding nine men for the game, put up a surprisingly good performance and were somewhat unlucky to lose, the winning goal being scored by South China almost on time.

The game started five minutes late, as Kwong Wah had only seven players available at the advertised time for the kick-off.

South China attacked from the start and should have taken the lead in the first minute of the game, but a wonderful chance of drawing first blood was thrown away through inaccurate shooting.

After a period of attacking which was featured by a completely-dazzling with the ball by their forwards, South China took the lead when Lee Yuk-tak netted with a hard cross drive which found the top right hand corner of the net.

South China continued to dominate the exchanges, but their forwards, although showing no

cellent approach work, invariably lost the ball to the Kwong Wah defenders when favourably placed.

**Rare breakaways**

From one of their very rare breakaways, Kwong Wah obtained with a powerful drive which gave Choi King-chung no chance.

The interval came with the teams sharing two goals.

The second half was more or less a repeat of the first, with the South China forwards doing everything but score.

Although they were content to play a defensive game, Kwong Wah did manage to break away occasionally and on at least two occasions almost came near to scoring when Lau Pui sent in powerful shots which Choi King-chung did well to save.

About two minutes from time, South China were awarded an indirect free kick in the penalty area and from the resultant kick, Kwong Wah conceded a corner.

Lau Sheung, who took the corner kick, placed the ball in the goalmouth and Fok Yiu-wah, who had moved up from the defence, netted with a brilliant header which gave Tam Woon-cheuk no chance.

Before the teams had time to line up again, the whistle blew for full time.

**Redeeming feature**

The one redeeming feature of an otherwise uninteresting game was the magnificent display given by Tam Woon-cheuk, the Kwong Wah custodian, who handled all manner of shots with complete confidence.

South China: Choi King-chung, Leung Pak-wai, Kan Chit-yan, Fok Yiu-wah, Mui Kee-cheung, Chung Fook-lun, Lau Sheung, Tong Shuang, Lee Yuk-tak, Au Chi-yin and Chu Wing-wah.

Kwong Wah: Tam Woon-cheuk, Wan Hok-ming, Tang Chuen, Sui Sau-kee, Lau Pui, Cheuk Shek-kam, Chung Kin-sun, Leung Muk-kam and Lee Chin-fai.

**REG ALLEN OPEN FOR TRANSFER**

London, December 23.

Reg Allen, goal-keeper of Queen's Park Rangers, is open for transfer.

The Club's Manager, Mr. Dave Mandall, stated today, "Reg Allen has interviewed me twice since, he was informed of the Directors' decision not to place him on the transfer list and is adamant in his wish to get a change of club."

The Directors have further considered his request and have very reluctantly agreed to consider offers for his transfer because they are firmly of the opinion that it would be against the interest of both Club and player to re-

## "Kill that referee" shout Italian football fans

(By LEE F. JOHNSON)

There were three minutes to go in the second half of the recent Palermo-Trieste soccer match in the Palermo Stadium.

The score was 1-1. De Santis, Palermo's left-wing, raced towards the Trieste goal taking the ball from centre field.

It looked like a goal and victory for the home team as De Santis entered the penalty area, but in a flash Grosso and Zorzin, Trieste backs, were on him; amid a flurry of legs De Santis was down, clutching his stomach, and writhing on the sun-baked field.

To my untrained eye, as I sat on my section of the concrete terracing high above the field, it certainly looked like a foul. To the 15,000 wrought-up spectators it was a foul.

At the best of times, Italian football fans are not notably passive spectators, but on that sunny Sunday afternoon they rose with a thunderous roar when the referee failed to call a foul.

Showers of stones, oranges, bottles, and untranslatable Italian oaths were hurled at the hapless referee and the Trieste players, who made a bee-line for their dressing rooms through the murderous cascade.

My Sicilian friend, with an Anglo-Saxon oath for my benefit, launched his rented cushion over the spectators' heads. Its perfect parabola was brought to an abrupt end by the head of a policeman!

A few moments later the main body of spectators, including myself, much against my will, was clomping against the 6ft. wire netting, which encircles all Italian football fields as protection on such occasions.

Many scrambled over the fence, to grapple with the police, and fall under truncheon blows.

I saw a pressman take a photograph of an irate spectator being bent on by several policemen. But such are the perils of the cameraman's profession that it was not many seconds before he himself and his camera were being belaboured with police clubs.

"Ah," I thought to myself, "the pen is mightier than the camera—and so much safer!"

**Unhappy fate**

As I was peering through the wire netting watching my colleague's unhappy fate, a swarthy Southerner standing near me spat through the fence at a policeman. As a matter of fact he missed but the carabinieri understandably decided to arrest him.

Even though my Sicilian friend observed that such an exhibition as we had witnessed was unprecedented in first division Italian football, I offer the following recommendation gratis to all whom it may concern in other lands:

If your future is "versus Italy," and if you expect any large attendance of Italian supporters, look to your fences!

## STORK PLAYS SANTA CLAUS

W. H. Colledge, well-known KCC cricketer, received a fine Christmas present from his wife last night—a son, who was born at St. Paul's Hospital at 8.30 p.m.

anyway, and with that aim in mind climbed over the fence to make the arrest. He was scarcely over the top before he was disarmed, beaten, kicked, and literally thrown back over the fence by the angry crowd. He was carried to safety by several of his comrades, who seemed pleased enough to escape the fray.

**The penalty**

It was time to leave, I decided, when a cushion hurtled out of nowhere and caught me on the back of the neck. The game would not continue and, according to Italian regulations, Palermo would lose the match 2-1. Such is the penalty if the field is invaded by spectators while a game is in progress.

The battle had spread out, the stadium by the time I had pushed my way through the mob. And as I leapt on a bus, saw two mounted policemen being dragged off their horses.

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